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## Study: 42% of state's children face poverty

Report shows 72% of Black and 67% of Hispanic children experienced financial hardship as of 2019

By **Alex Putterman**  
Hartford Courant

More than 4 in 10 Connecticut children lived in households experiencing financial hardship as of 2019, a new report from United Way has found.

According to the report, 72% of Black children and 67% of Hispanic children faced financial hardship, along with 26% of white children and 25% of Asian children — accounting for 42% of Connecticut children in total.

“The information [in the report] can be hard to hear, but we’ve got to listen,” said Lisa Tepper Bates, president and CEO of United Way Connecticut, on Monday. “We

have to use that information to inform how Connecticut moves forward in a positive direction.”

Households facing “financial hardship,” as defined in the report, include not only those under the federal poverty level but also those who are considered “asset limited, income constrained, employed,” or ALICE. These households often earn a steady income — but not one large enough to cover basics needs.

ALICE thresholds are calculated based on localized data on the cost of food, housing, child care, health, transportation and more.

At a news conference Monday to discuss the report, Natasha McClain, a single mother raising two sons, described having to sell her home in New Haven last year instead

of continuing to work 60-hour weeks that left her with little free time for her family and barely enough income to support them.

A tipping point, McClain said, came when she struggled to buy shoes for her son, who requires special footwear due to a disability. The cost was about \$74.

“Seventy-four dollars doesn’t seem like a lot to most people, most people that don’t have to check their bank account before they decide how much gas to put in their car,” McClain said. “It’s embarrassing sometimes when I’m sharing a story because I want to look like I have it all together, I want to look like I have \$74 to tap into to get my kid his shoes.”

Rep. Sean Scanlon, a Democrat from Guil-

ford, argued that the findings support the idea that Connecticut should expand its earned income tax credit and also establish a new child tax credit similar to what the federal government implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We cannot continue to allow four in 10 kids in this state to live in abject poverty,” Scanlon said. “That should be unacceptable to anybody who serves in the general assembly and any human being who lives here in the state of Connecticut.”

An expanded earned income tax credit could provide tax relief to low- to moderate-income workers, while a child tax

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First-floor space at the Swift Factory awaits finishing as a library. The 80,000-square-foot community hub and business incubator houses a majority of Black-owned and women-owned businesses. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

## REFASHIONED AND RESCUED

By **Stephen Singer** | Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The transformation of a 19th century factory in North Hartford is getting a boost from a \$3.7 million federal grant announced Monday to establish a workforce training center, spaces for small businesses and a branch of the Hartford Public Library.

John J. Thomas, assistant project manager for real estate at Community Solutions, a local nonprofit, said the COVID-19 relief money from the U.S. Department of Commerce for the Swift Factory will help blunt the impact of years of discrimination against North Hartford’s Black community.

Lenders for years made capital available to white neighborhoods, while excluding Black residents, he said.

“Many in this state see funding like this as some sort of social-istic handout, but we see this as well-deserved social justice,” Thomas said.

Steven M. Harris grew up near the factory that once made gold leaf used on buildings across the country and on

Hartford factory refurbished into workspace for and by underserved communities wins \$3.7M pandemic grant



Helen Nixon, co-chair of the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, announces Monday a \$3.7 million federal grant for the renovations at the Swift Factory in Hartford. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

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## Ghost gun rule by DOJ praised by president

But Biden likely to face uphill battle with 2nd ATF selection

By **Michael Balsamo and Zeke Miller**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Monday took fresh aim at ghost guns, the privately made firearms without serial numbers that are increasingly cropping up in violent crimes, as he struggles to break past gun control opposition to address firearm deaths.

Speaking at the White House, Biden highlighted the Justice Department’s work to finalize new regulations to crack down on ghost guns, and announced the nomination of Steve Dettelbach, who served as a U.S. attorney in Ohio from 2009 to 2016, to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

“Law enforcement is sounding the alarm,” Biden said of ghost guns, briefly holding one up for cameras to see in the Rose Garden. “Our communities are paying the price.”

He promised the new regulations would save lives.

Still, the announcement on guns highlights the limits of Biden’s influence to push a sweeping congressional overhaul of the nation’s firearm laws in response to both a recent surge in violent crime and continued mass shootings.

Congress has deadlocked on legislative proposals to reform gun laws for a decade, and executive actions have faced stiff headwinds in federal courts — even as the Democratic base has grown more vocal in calling on Biden to take more consequential action.

Dettelbach’s confirmation, too, is likely to be an uphill battle. Biden had to withdraw the nomination of his first ATF nominee, gun control advocate David Chipman, after it stalled for months because of opposition from Republicans and some Democrats in the Senate.

Both Republican and Democratic administrations have failed to get nominees for the ATF position through the politically fraught process since the director’s position was made confirmable in 2006. Since then, only one nominee, former U.S. Attorney B. Todd Jones, has been confirmed. Jones made it through the Senate in 2013 but only after a six-month

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## School meals program faces uncertainty

Barring extension, end of expanded free or low-cost lunch, breakfast fuels anxiety in Connecticut districts

By **Seamus McAvoy**  
Hartford Courant

Expansion of a federal program that made school lunch and breakfast free for every child is expected to expire this summer, leaving families who relied on it through the pandemic to again shoulder the cost. The program also allowed for meals to be distributed outside of school and granted more flexibility on nutritional guidelines as schools dealt with shortages.

Those expansions, amendments to the National School Lunch program enacted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture last spring, are now expected to expire at the end of June after lawmakers failed to include waiver extensions in the

\$1.5 trillion federal spending bill signed into law last month, despite continuing challenges related to meal service and concerns from school nutrition workers.

“Supply chain issues are still here, we’re still short-staffed,” said Kate Murphy, president of the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut and food service director at Naugatuck Public Schools. “It’s scary to think about how families are going to have to try to make ends meet, when they’re still being affected by the pandemic.”

Crucially, breakfast and lunch is free for students attending schools using the National School Lunch Program. The relief has provided

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Eighty lunches and 80 breakfasts are bagged and ready to distribute in March 2020 outside Bugbee Elementary School for West Hartford Public School students. The meals were provided to students after schools closed down for the pandemic. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

### Lamont's orders could receive extension

At a time when some thought that Gov. Ned Lamont’s executive orders were a thing of the past, the state legislature is poised to extend three of the original orders that will expire Friday.

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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committee defeats aid-in-dying bill in parliamentary tactic



Rep. Craig Fishbein, R-Wallingford, made a motion to “divide the committee” that was deciding the fate of a bill that would allow terminally ill adults in Connecticut to request medication to help them die. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

By Susan Haigh  
Associated Press

A bill that would allow terminally ill adults in Connecticut to request medication to help them die was suddenly derailed Monday by an unusual parliamentary procedure during a committee vote.

Advocates had expressed optimism this would finally be the year, after roughly a decade of emotional debate, the legislation would be voted on by the full House of Representatives and Senate and signed into law by Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont.

However, Rep. Craig Fishbein, a Republican from Wallingford and the top House member on the General Assembly’s Judiciary Committee, made a motion to “divide the committee.” That meant only senators on the panel could vote on the legislation. In Connecticut, committees are

comprised of both House and Senate members.

Ultimately, the senators defeated the bill on a 5-4 vote. Democratic Sen. Mae Flexer of Windham voted with the four Republicans in opposing the measure.

“It says a lot about support for medical aid in dying, both inside and outside the Capitol, that opponents had to resort to a rarely-used parliamentary maneuver to defeat the legislation,” said Tim Appleton, campaign director for the advocacy group Compassion & Choices, arguing there’s strong support among Connecticut residents for the bill. He predicted Monday’s vote will mean “immeasurable suffering” for terminally ill people who won’t be able to wait for another legislative session for the bill to pass.

He said proponents plan to continue to advocate for the

legislation, which had already cleared the General Assembly’s Public Health Committee last month.

Sen. John Kissel, a Republican from Enfield and the top GOP senator on the Judiciary committee, voted against the bill, calling it “horrible public policy.” He instead suggested the state work to improve health care and adequately fund hospice care.

“I just think that we’re a better society than this,” he said.

In an emotional address to his fellow committee members, Sen. Gary Winfield, a Democrat from New Haven and the panel’s co-chair, acknowledged he would have opposed the legislation years ago. However, the painful suffering that his late mother had to endure nearly a decade ago changed his mind.

“Even if you’ve experienced death before,” he said, “one horrible death can change all that.”

Guns

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struggle. Jones was acting director when President Barack Obama nominated him in January 2013.

The Biden administration’s plan on guns was first reported by Politico.

For nearly a year, the ghost gun rule has been making its way through the federal regulation process. Gun safety groups and Democrats in Congress have been pushing for the Justice Department to finish the rule for months. It will probably be met with heavy resistance from gun groups and draw litigation in the coming weeks.

Gun Owners of America vowed that it would fight the rule.

“Just as we opposed the Trump Administration’s arbitrary ban on bump stocks, GOA will also sue Biden’s ATF to halt the implementation of this rule,” Aidan Johnston, the group’s director of federal

affairs said in a statement. The group believes the rule violates the U.S. Constitution and several federal laws.

But gun safety advocacy groups, like Everytown for Gun Safety, which pushed the federal government for years to take action on ghost guns, applauded Biden’s moves and insisted that both Dettelbach’s appointment and the finalized rule will help combat gun violence.

“Ghost guns look like a gun, they shoot like a gun, and they kill like a gun, but up until now they haven’t been regulated like a gun,” said John Feinblatt, Everytown’s president.

Justice Department statistics show that nearly 24,000 ghost guns were recovered by law enforcement at crime scenes and reported to the government from 2016 to 2020. It is hard to say how many are circulating on the streets, in part because in many cases police departments don’t contact the government about the guns because they can’t be traced.

The new rule changes the

definition of a firearm under federal law to include unfinished parts, like the frame of a handgun or the receiver of a long gun. It says those parts must be licensed and include serial numbers. Manufacturers must also run background checks before a sale — as they do with other commercially made firearms. The requirement applies regardless of how the firearm was made, meaning it includes ghost guns made from individual parts, kits, or by 3D-printers.

Federally licensed firearms dealers must retain key records until they shut down their business or licensed activity and then transfer the records to ATF as they are currently required to do at the end of licensed activity. Previously, these dealers were permitted to destroy most records after 20 years, making it harder for law enforcement to trace firearms found at crime scenes.

The rule goes into effect 120 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.



President Joe Biden displays a ghost gun, a firearm without a serial number, during an event about gun violence Monday in the Rose Garden of the White House. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

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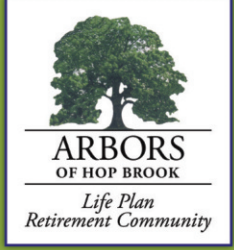
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credit would help families with children. Both proposals have support in the state legislature, though its unclear what final legislation might look like.

While the data in the United Way report was collected before the pandemic, Census surveys suggest poor Connecticut families have experienced high levels financial uncertainty and food insecurity over the past two

years. Another survey last year, from the nonprofit DataHaven, found that 34% of Connecticut adults earning less than \$30,000 were worse off financially than before the pandemic while only 17% were better off.

Jason Jakubowski, president & CEO of Foodshare Connecticut, recalled serving tens of thousands of people at massive distribution sites during the worst of COVID-19 disruptions. Moving forward, he said, he hopes Connecticut will adopt and expand policies that reduce poverty state-

wide.

“It needs a more holistic response,” he said. “We need permanent investment in programs like the child tax credit, like SNAP, like free and reduced breakfast and lunch.”

First implemented at the height of the pandemic, the enhanced federal child tax credit helped millions of families navigate a period of instability and job loss. When Congress let the tax credit expire in December, an estimated 3.7 million children fell back into poverty.

With Congress appear-

ing unlikely to renew the expanded child tax credit, Tapper Bates said she hoped Connecticut would step in with a similar policy of its own.

“When that federal enhanced child tax credit was available, it was a game-changer for so many families,” she said. “We have an opportunity to do doable, practical things to set our vulnerable families on a firmer foundation.”

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Vehicles sit in line with their trunks open in August 2020 as they wait their turn to go through the Foodshare drive-thru assembly line in the parking lot of Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal announces a \$3.7 million federal grant for the renovations at the Swift Factory on Monday in Hartford's Northeast neighborhood. The event was held in the space that will house a new branch of the Hartford Public Library. **CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

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Connecticut's Capitol dome.

“I used to pass this factory as a kid when folks worked here. I also passed it when no one worked here, when folks were leaving my neighborhood,” he said at a news briefing announcing the grant.

Harris, 75, a member of the board of the Hartford Public Library and a retired city firefighter, credited Community Solutions and federal, state and local officials “for not giving up on us and taking another chance.”

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said Hartford's North End has “faced economic disregard and abandonment resulting in deteriorating housing stock and dwindling job opportunities.”

“This federal grant to spur minority-owned business growth and train workers is a force multiplier for economic growth in this neighborhood, community and greater Hartford area,” he said.

The imposing block-long 80,000-square-foot factory, which was built in stages from 1887 to 1948 and closed in 2005, houses mostly Black- and women-owned businesses such as a food business incubator and a kinder-

garten-to-first grade school. It's undergoing a \$34 million redevelopment.

Workforce development will be a key component of the library branch, which will occupy a cavernous space dominated by a long wall of windows facing neighborhood homes. The branch will replace one on nearby Barbour Street and be more than seven times larger, at 15,000 square feet.

The revamped factory will help the community “double-down on the efforts to support local entrepreneurs and job-seekers in North Hartford,” Mayor Luke Bronin said.

U.S. Rep. John Larson, D-1, criticized Republicans, reminding the audience in election year comments that GOP members of Congress voted as a bloc against the COVID-19 rescue plan.

“Now because all the stimulus checks went out with the American Rescue Plan and funny thing in all those red districts they're sending out letters asking people if they got their check,” he said. “That's what's wrong with Congress currently is that there's not enough pulling together.”

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John J. Thomas, assistant project manager of real estate at Community Solutions, a nonprofit, spoke Monday at a news conference announcing a \$3.7 million federal grant for renovations at the Swift Factory in North Hartford. Behind him are Harford Mayor Luke Bronin, left, and Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

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a buffer to working families during an economically uncertain period, and amid rising food costs.

After June 30, however, families will have to begin paying again. Susan A. Pinkham, food service director at Bloomfield Public Schools, says it could hit hardest for children in “borderline families,” families who do not qualify for free meals but for whom meal costs are still a burden.

“[Waiver extensions] made a difference for the families who really had the need,” Pinkham said. Bloomfield schools are this year using what's called the Seamless Summer Option for school meals, a program that mimics the National School Lunch Program.

Not all students will be

impacted. Most school districts located in predominantly low-income areas participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, which allows schools to serve free breakfast and lunch to students and receive reimbursement from the federal government.

Any district in which at least 40% of the students are directly certified for free or reduced lunches — meaning their families don't have to fill out any paperwork to receive the benefits — are eligible. In Connecticut, Bloomfield and Enfield are the only towns that qualify but generally do not participate.

But food insecure or borderline food insecure students aren't just concentrated in low-income districts. More than a quarter of students in West Hartford, for example, qualified

for free or reduced lunch in 2019-20, according to state data.

About 428,000 people in Connecticut face food insecurity, which is the lack of reliable access to affordable and nutritious food. That number includes about 1 in 7 children, according to Connecticut Foodshare, a regional foodbank.

The number of households seeking food assistance increased following the onset of COVID-19, as did disparities for communities of color. Roughly 70% of residents who attended Foodshare's emergency sites were seeking food assistance for the first time in their lives, a spokesperson said, while Google searches related to food insecurity soared.

The swift closure of schools posed unique challenges for families with school-aged children, many

of which rely on school-provided meals to keep their children fed.

And even before the pandemic, youth food insecurity typically increases in the summer once regular school meal programs end.

“With these waivers set to expire right at the onset of those summer months, we can expect to see increased need throughout our statewide network as parents struggle to fill that gap,” Monica Obreski, a Foodshare spokesperson, wrote in an email.

In response to the pandemic, directors of school food service programs like Murphy had to get creative. Some districts in Connecticut used buses to transport meals to families, while others took advantage of the newly slackened guidelines to allow parents to pick up meals at the school.

Schools were also granted flexibility with nutritional guidelines, making it possible for food service directors to overcome shortages in whole-grain, low-sodium or low-fat options.

Those shortages, attributed to supply chain disruptions, persist even now. Murphy says she wakes up each morning at 4:15 a.m. to go through her emails, which tell her which deliveries are still on track and which will have items substituted. If there are shortages, Murphy and her team then have to make sure the meal will still meet nutritional requirements.

“If you go to the grocery store now, you see that there are shelves that are empty. We as food service directors, and school districts, are struggling with the same kind of thing,” she said.

Though the waiver extension was not included in the

government spending bill passed by Congress last month, a bipartisan group of lawmakers have introduced a bill, called “Support Kids Not Red Tape,” that would keep waivers effective through September 2023. U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy are among the bill's cosponsors.

The extension is supported by the national School Nutrition Association, as well as local groups like End Hunger Connecticut.

With regard to free school meals, Murphy doesn't think lawmakers should stop with an extension.

“Children get their books, they get their buses at no cost. Why shouldn't school meals be at no cost to families as well?” Murphy said.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

# US debates how to help war probe

Ability to assist court in Hague limited by Congress in '99, '02

By **Charlie Savage**  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is debating how much the United States can or should assist an investigation into Russian atrocities in Ukraine by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, according to officials familiar with internal deliberations.

The Biden team wants to see Russian President Vladimir Putin and others in his military chain of command held accountable. And many are said to consider the court — which was created by a global treaty two decades ago as a venue for prosecuting war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide — the body most capable of achieving that.

But laws from 1999 and 2002, enacted by a Congress wary that the court might investigate Americans, limit the government's ability to provide support. And the United States has long objected to any exercise of jurisdiction by the court over citizens of countries that are not part of the treaty that created it — like the United States, but also Russia.

The internal debate, described by senior administration officials and others familiar with the matter on the condition of anonymity, has been partly shaped by a previously undisclosed 2010 memo by the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel. Obtained by The New



A man passes a truck Monday containing bodies that were exhumed from a mass grave in Bucha near Kyiv. **RODRIGO ABD/AP**

York Times, the memo interprets the scope and limits of permissible cooperation with the court.

The discussions have also been marked by Pentagon opposition to softening the U.S. stance, even as congressional Republicans, long skeptics of the court, have signaled openness to finding a way to help it bring Russian officials to justice.

For now, officials said, the primary focus has been on compiling evidence of apparent war crimes that are still unfolding — both the details of particular killings and intelligence that President

Joe Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, asserted Sunday indicates a high-level plan to brutalize the civilian population into terrorized subjugation.

"This was something that was planned," he said on ABC's "This Week," adding, "Make no mistake, the larger issue of broad-scale war crimes and atrocities in Ukraine lies at the feet of the Kremlin and lies at the feet of the Russian president."

But the unresolved deliberations about where to channel such intelligence explain why administration officials have been hazy

about where efforts to prosecute Russian war crimes should center — even as evidence of large-scale atrocities has mounted, prompting Biden to label Putin a "war criminal" and to call for a "war crimes trial."

A group of top national security lawyers across the administration has been wrestling with how to navigate the limits imposed by a pair of laws that Congress enacted a generation ago. Those laws curtail the aid the U.S. government may provide to the court, but they are ambiguous in places.

The deliberations have

centered on a 26-page opinion by the Office of Legal Counsel that interpreted those laws for the executive branch.

The memo looked at the kinds of assistance that the United States had offered to the tribunals for war crimes and genocide in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, which proved crucial to making them work — including sending dozens of experienced Justice Department prosecutors and contributing more than \$500 million to cover operational costs.

But a 1999 appropria-

tions law bars the government from spending funds to support the International Criminal Court. The memo concludes that Congress banned both donating money to the court directly and donating material items — and that the law allows for no exceptions.

The memo also analyzes a 2002 law, the American Servicemembers Protection Act.

Unlike the funding ban, the 2002 law permits "rendering assistance to international efforts to bring to justice" foreign citizens who are accused of genocide, war crimes or crimes against humanity.

Even as administration lawyers struggle with how much wiggle room the government has as it tries to hold Russia accountable, there are signs of bipartisan interest in Congress in potentially rescinding or modifying those laws so the U.S. can help the court.

Last month, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., backing any investigation into war crimes committed by Russian forces and proxies. It praised the International Criminal Court and encouraged "member states to petition the ICC" to investigate and prosecute Russian atrocities — as at least 41 nations have done.

Graham has since been working with Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, on what they hope will be fast-track, bipartisan legislation responding to outrage over events in Ukraine.

WAR IN UKRAINE

# Mayor: Over 10K dead in Mariupol

Says Russian forces burn bodies, block aid to hide carnage

By **Yuras Karmanau, Adam Schreck and Cara Anna**  
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — The mayor of the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol said Monday that more than 10,000 civilians have died in the Russian siege of his city, and that the death toll could top 20,000, with corpses that were "carpeted through the streets."

Speaking by phone Monday to The Associated Press, Mayor Vadym Boychenko also said Russian forces brought mobile cremation equipment to Mariupol to dispose of the bodies, and he accused Russian forces of refusing to allow humanitarian convoys into the city in an attempt to conceal the carnage.

Russian forces have taken many bodies to a huge shopping center where there are storage facilities and refrigerators, Boychenko said.

"Mobile crematoriums have arrived in the form of trucks: You open it, and there is a pipe inside and these bodies are burned," he said.

The mayor's comments emerged as Russia claimed that it destroyed several Ukrainian air-defense systems in what appeared to be a renewed push to gain air superiority and



Firefighters attempt to extinguish a blaze Monday that was ignited by a Russian attack in Kharkiv. **FELIPE DANA/AP**

take out weapons Kyiv has described as crucial ahead of an expected broad new offensive in the east.

In one strike, Moscow said it hit four S-300 launchers near the central city of Dnipro that had been provided by a European country it did not name. Slovakia gave Ukraine just such a system last week but denied it had been destroyed.

Russia previously

reported two strikes on similar systems in other places.

The Pentagon said it had seen no evidence to support Russia's claims.

The failure to win full control of Ukraine's skies has hampered Moscow's ability to provide air cover for troops on the ground, limiting their advances and likely exposing them to greater losses.

With their offensive in many parts of the country

thwarted, Russian forces have relied increasingly on bombarding cities — a strategy that has left many urban areas flattened and killed thousands of people.

Ukrainian authorities accuse Russian forces of committing atrocities, including a massacre in the city of Bucha, outside Kyiv, airstrikes on hospitals and a missile attack that killed at least 57 people last week at a train station.

In Mariupol, about 120,000 civilians are in dire need of food, water, warmth and communications, the mayor said.

Only those residents who have passed the Russian "filtration camps" are released from the city, Boychenko said. He said improvised prisons were organized for those who did not pass the "filtering," while at least 33,000 were taken to Russia or to separatist territory in Ukraine.

Elsewhere, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer said he met Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow for talks that were "very direct, open and tough."

In a statement released by his office, Nehammer said his primary message to Putin was "that this war needs to end, because in war both sides can only lose."

Nehammer said he also raised the issue of war crimes committed by the Russian military and said those responsible "will be held to account."

Austria is a member of the European Union and has backed the 27-nation bloc's sanctions against Russia, though it has opposed cutting off deliveries of Russian gas. The country is militarily neutral and is not a member of NATO.

Russia has appointed a seasoned general to lead its renewed push in the eastern Donbas region, where Moscow-backed separatists have been battling Ukrainian

forces since 2014 and have declared independent states.

The Pentagon's latest assessment is that Russia is gearing up for an intensified offensive there as more troops and materiel move toward the area.

A U.S. defense official said a lengthy convoy is headed toward the eastern city of Izyum with artillery, aviation and infantry support.

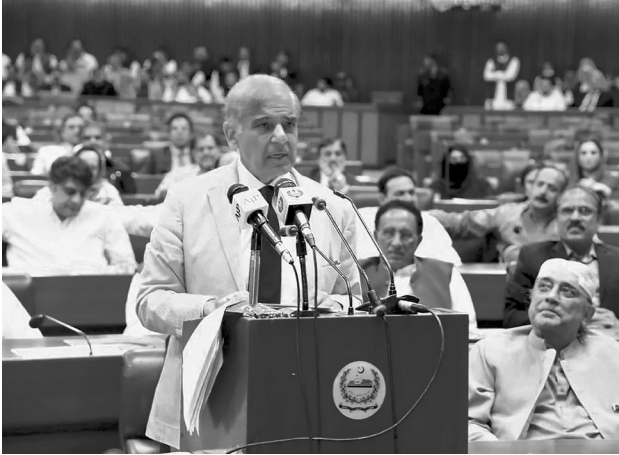
More artillery is being deployed near the city of Donetsk, while combat units that withdrew from the Kyiv and Chernihiv areas appear destined for refitting and resupplying before they position in Donbas, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal U.S. military assessments.

Both sides are digging in for what could be a devastating war of attrition.

Russian forces will likely try to encircle the Donbas region from the north, south and east, said retired British Gen. Richard Barrons, co-chair of the U.K.-based strategic consulting firm Universal Defence & Security Solutions.

The ground in that part of Ukraine is flatter, more open and less wooded so the Ukrainian ambush tactics used around Kiev may be less successful, Barrons said.

In a video address to South Korean lawmakers Monday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy specifically requested equipment that can shoot down Russian missiles.



Pakistan's new interim Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif speaks during a National Assembly session Monday in Islamabad. **PAKISTAN PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT**

## Opposition leader named Pakistan's interim PM

By **Salman Masood and Christina Goldbaum**  
The New York Times

ISLAMABAD — The Pakistani parliament selected opposition leader Shahbaz Sharif to become the country's interim prime minister Monday, ushering in a new government after the ouster of Imran Khan and capping a week of political turmoil that pushed the fragile democracy to the brink.

The vote came two days

after Khan, the former cricket star turned politician, was removed from office in a no-confidence vote in parliament after he lost the support of top military leaders late last year.

The political crisis escalated last week after Khan demonized the opposition as traitors and defied the constitution to dissolve parliament in an effort to block the vote — stoking fears that the country's powerful military might intervene, as it has several

times before in Pakistan's tumultuous 75-year-history.

Sharif is the younger brother of Nawaz Sharif, who served as prime minister three times, and like other family members, he has been dogged by allegations of widespread graft and malfeasance that were the focus of several corruption investigations. Shahbaz Sharif's rise to prime minister offers a rebuke to Khan's professed mission of dismantling Pakistan's political dynasties and rooting

out corruption in politics.

Members of Khan's party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, or PTI, boycotted the vote Monday in the National Assembly to elect the new prime minister — a move to undercut the new government's legitimacy as the country heads into a highly charged election season, analysts say.

The motion to elect Sharif as prime minister was passed with 174 votes, two more than the requisite simple majority.



WORLD & NATION

Bias often pops up in addiction care

DOJ guidelines aim to curb stigma tied to opioid treatment

By Geoff Mulvihill and Claudia Lauer  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Danielle Russell was in the emergency department at an Arizona hospital last fall, sick with COVID-19, when she made the mistake of answering completely when she was asked what medications she was on.

“I said yes, I was taking methadone,” said Russell, a doctoral student who also was in recovery from heroin use. “The smart thing to do, if I wanted to be treated like a human, would be to say no.”

Even though her primary doctor had sent her to the ER, she said she was discharged swiftly without being treated and given a stack of papers about the hospital’s policies for prescribing pain medications — drugs she was not asking for.

“It becomes so absurd and the stigma against methadone especially is so strong,” she said, noting that other people in recovery have had it worse. “You’re getting blocked out from housing resources, employment.”

It’s a problem people in the addiction recovery community have dealt with for decades: On top of the stigma surrounding addiction, people who are in medical treatment for substance abuse can face additional discrimination — including in medical and legal settings that are supposed to help.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice published new guidelines aimed at dealing with the problem: They assert that it’s illegal under the Americans with Disabilities Act to discriminate against people because they are using prescribed



A patient picks up medication for opioid addiction at a clinic in Olympia, Washington. TED S. WARREN/AP 2020

methadone or other medications to treat opioid use disorder.

The guidelines don’t change federal government policy, but they do offer clarification and signal that authorities are watching for discrimination in a wide range of settings. The Justice Department’s actions this year also show it’s taken an interest in the issue, reaching multiple legal settlements, filing a lawsuit and sending a warning letter alleging other violations.

“It’s terrifying to be told by some authority — whether it’s a judge, or a child welfare official, or a skilled nursing facility — someone who has something you need is telling you, you have to get off the medication that is saving your life,” said Sally Friedman, senior vice president of legal advocacy at the Legal Action Center, which uses legal challenges to try

to end punitive measures for people with health conditions, including addiction.

Friedman said advocates and lawyers will cite the new guidelines when they’re making discrimination claims.

Dan Haight, president of The LCADA Way, which runs addiction treatment programs in the Cleveland area, said a suburb where they wanted to put a clinic at one point nixed the idea because of a moratorium in place on new drug counseling centers.

“We’re not looked at as another medical facility or counseling office,” Haight said. “We’re looked at because we do addiction.”

The new guidelines suggest that such broad denials could be violations of the ADA. Overdoses from all opioids, including prescription drugs containing oxycodone, heroin and

illicit laboratory-made varieties including fentanyl, have killed more than 500,000 Americans in the past two decades, and the problem has been growing only worse.

Even as the crisis has deepened, there have been glimmers of hope. Drugmakers, distribution companies and pharmacy chains have announced settlements since last year to pay government entities about \$35 billion over time plus provide drugs to treat addictions and reverse overdoses. It’s still to be determined how the money will be deployed, but one priority for many public health experts is expanding access to medication-based treatments, which are seen as essential to helping people recover.

But there’s still a stigma associated with the treatment programs, which use

the medication naltrexone or drugs that themselves are opioids, such as methadone and buprenorphine.

Marcus Buchanan used methadone from 2016 through 2018 to help end a decadelong heroin habit. During that time, he was looking for work near his home in Chouteau, Oklahoma — mostly at factories — and could never land a job.

“I can nail an interview. It would be the drug-screen process” when he’d explain why the results showed he was using methadone, said Buchanan, who is now an outreach coordinator for an opioid prevention program. “Every job, more than 20 probably, during those two years, was a door shut in the face.”

Dr. Susan Bissett, president of the nonprofit West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, said people who are in treatment programs

often hide it out of fear that they could lose their jobs.

“The next step is helping employers understand this is a disease instead of a moral failing,” Bissett said.

One of the places where medication-assisted treatment is sometimes restricted or banned is in state drug diversion court programs, which are intended to get people help for addiction rather than incarcerate them.

Fewer than half the states have specific language that prohibits judges from excluding people who are taking the medications from participating in diversion programs or requires that they allow its use as part of the programs. That finding is based on an Associated Press review of legislation, administrative court orders and drug court handbooks that guide state drug diversion court programs.



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WAR IN UKRAINE

When loved ones won't leave Ukraine

For some, it's about pride of place; others are afraid to move on

By Kimiko De Freytas-Tamura  
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Jane Tuv is having so many panic attacks about her aunt, who is refusing to leave Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, that she has turned to medication. The recent horrifying discovery of civilian bodies in a Kyiv suburb has made her even more afraid.

Tuv, who lives in Rego Park, Queens, has meticulously mapped out instructions with bus and train schedules for her aunt, Tetiana Guzik. She has wired money and looked up places to stay in Poland, Hungary and Romania.

But Guzik is staying put. “I literally told her the exact steps she needs to take,” Tuv, 36, said. “But she’s coming up with all sorts of excuses.”

In a recent WhatsApp interview, Guzik, 53, explained that she had fled before, with all the subsequent feelings of panic, fear and loss, when Russia took over her hometown in Crimea in 2014. It had taken her years to feel like she was home again, and Kyiv was where she intended to stay.

Guzik tries to placate her niece in New York by sending her photos of food items she is able to find amid shortages: cherry-liqueur chocolates one day, a baguette another.

“Look!” she said to Tuv during a WhatsApp chat after one such successful foraging, before describing how, on a recent trip to the supermarket, she heard a loud bang. She ran out to find a rocket had fallen and gotten stuck between two houses. Still, that didn’t deter her: She was staying.

“Have you lost your mind?” Tuv recalled saying to her aunt.



Jane Tuv, with her daughter, Lila, chat by video in the Queens borough of New York with her aunt Tetiana Guzik in Kyiv, Ukraine. Tuv has looked up places to stay near Ukraine, but Guzik is staying put. **MISHA FRIEDMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

“Have you lost your mind?” her aunt retorted. “Stop being hysterical and go take your meds.”

Such fraught conversations — between middle-aged and older people refusing to join the exodus of 4 million Ukrainians from their homeland and their panicked, imploring relatives overseas — have been taking place since the war began. Many of those conversations involve residents of the New York City metropolitan area, which has the largest Ukrainian community in the United States.

Reasons for staying vary. For some it’s pride of place, a need not to desert the homeland.

For others, it’s the paralyzing fear of unknown factors, like getting caught in crossfire while on a bus or train or bridge.

For those who have seen war and displacement before — something many

Ukrainians are familiar with — it can be a triggered response to past trauma and violence, psychologists say.

“You’re in an altered state,” said Sophia Richman, a Holocaust survivor who is a faculty member at New York University’s Post-doctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis.

“You could justify to yourself, and it would be a true rationalization — ‘Oh, everything will be all right. I’m sure everything will be all right.’”

Basically, she said, for many older people who have experienced warlike situations before, a kind of self-defense can kick in.

This makes sense to Nazar Lubchenko, who has parents and extended family in Kramatorsk, a town bordering Donetsk, one of the breakaway regions that Russia invaded eight years ago. The town was captured for three months. Once Ukraine regained control

of the area, his parents renovated their “dacha,” or summer house, planting vegetables and pruning their peach trees.

“There is a saying in Ukraine which roughly translates to there being a cherry tree next to my home, and the bees are humming. It symbolizes your ideal life in Ukraine — you have your house, your property and your garden,” he said. “So they will not leave it.”

When the invasion began in February, Kramatorsk was shelled a number of times. Lubchenko, 32, who lives in Hoboken, New Jersey, urged his parents to take a train to western Ukraine. His appeals fell on deaf ears.

Although he has the resources to help, no amount of money will change his parents’ mind, Lubchenko said.

“They think that they know everything about this life and have all their life experience, and they don’t

need any advice from me.”

His parents went through the Russian invasion eight years ago, and they are predicting the same will happen this time around, he said.

“They still have pasta left over from 2014!”

Liza Gutina, who lives in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn, has a 65-year-old uncle refusing to leave Kherson, in southern Ukraine, one of the cities taken over by the Russians early in the invasion.

At first her uncle, Alexander, a mathematician who asked not to be fully identified, was staying put for logistical reasons: The routes out of the city were blocked, and some got killed on their way out. But now conditions in the streets, her uncle said, have gone from frightening to practically absurd. She worries that he sees life there as a new normal — something disturbing, but survivable.

After the Russian soldiers

finished looting, her uncle told her, they confined themselves to their armed vehicles in particular parts of the city. Occasionally, he would pass by local protests on his daily walks, during which he would watch the soldiers forcefully remove the most active participants. A few days later, they’d be released, and he’d see the protesters again, at another rally.

“I feel like I’m in a sci-fi movie where you live a normal life, but you know the aliens are there, and every so often, they steal people, and then give them back,” he said during a recent WhatsApp conversation.

For some older Ukrainians, familiarity continues to trump uncertainty.

Sasha Krasny, 48, who lives in Forest Hills, Queens, has been trying to persuade her 83-year-old aunt, Ludmila Steblina, to leave her home in Kharkiv, where a bomb went off on her street two weeks ago, blowing out the balcony windows of her apartment.

“I thought that would shake her up,” Krasny said. “But she’s like, ‘No. I know everything here. I know what to expect. If I left, I don’t know where I’m going. I don’t know how I’m going to survive this journey. If I need to go to the bathroom, who will I ask for help?’”

After the bomb, Steblina moved her bed away from the windows, but then fell ill from the cold wind that entered through the blown-out windows, she said. Krasny worked with volunteers to get her aunt a heater. But future help is uncertain — some of the volunteers have died amid heavy shelling. When there is shelling, Steblina sits in her bathtub.

“It’s so stressful for me to be on the outside,” Krasny said. “I cannot even comprehend what it feels like to be there, so I have to be cognizant of that. Putting pressure — I don’t think it works.”



Dozens of displaced Ukrainians prepare to eat dinner last week at the Hoshiv Women Monastery, where 17 nuns have been hosting those fleeing the war. **NARIMAN EL-MOFTY/AP**

Nuns open monastery doors to dozens displaced by war

By Renata Brito  
Associated Press

HOSHIV, Ukraine — Beneath the ancient beech forests of the Carpathian Mountains, a quiet monastery in the western Ukrainian village of Hoshiv has transformed itself into a giant playground for a dozen children who’ve been displaced by the war with their families.

Nuns at the Greek Catholic Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family, 60 miles from Lviv, have granted refuge to some 40 people fleeing fighting with Russian forces in eastern and central Ukraine.

The sound of birdsong and the gentle drone of prayers are a relief for Ryma Stryzhko, 59, who fled from Kharkiv.

“It seemed that the planes were flying in the middle of the house. And you could hear the sound of bombing,” she recalled.

She often had to duck behind cars as she was going to buy bread or medicines.

“After what we saw, (the monastery) is a paradise.”

The monastery is in itself a symbol of resilience, built

after Ukraine’s independence in the early 1990s. The previous monastery in the village had been closed by communist authorities while the area was part of the Soviet Union, and the nuns sent to Siberia.

“All our prayers are now focused on peace in Ukraine, for our soldiers, for those innocent people who died, who were murdered,” said Sister Dominica, the head nun.

Before the war, the 17 nuns led a tranquil life. In addition to their religious duties and charitable work, they also grew mushrooms, made their own pasta and painted icons to decorate the chapel. Now, they run after children, provide support and counseling to their mothers, and cook daily for dozens of guests.

“Everything in the monastery is focused on prayer and order,” Sister Dominica explained. But when the Russian invasion began, they told local officials they could host up to 50 displaced people.

“We adjusted the prayer and work schedule to the people,” she said.

Many of the children who are now laughing and

hugging the nuns arrived traumatized.

“In the beginning, they were a little reticent. This is a new place for them. They came from cities where (there is shooting), where there are constant (air raid) sirens,” she said.

But even among these peaceful surroundings, the nuns still get air raid alerts on their smartphones. They warn the rest of the residents by ringing the monastery bells — a less traumatic sound than the sirens in the cities — and direct them to the basement.

A makeshift chapel there is decorated with a painting of Mary and baby Jesus, a candle and a large cross made of branches. Mattresses, blankets and benches also line the basement. One of the walls had “The Prodigy” written in chalk, an apparent homage to the British dance-electronic band.

But even when there are no sirens, children happily use the cavernous underground space.

“We play, and read prayers,” said Rostyslav Borysenko, a 10-year-old, who fled besieged Mariupol with his mother. “It helps.”

Biden to Modi: Russian oil not in India's best interest

By Josh Boak, Fatima Hussein and Ashok Sharma  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden asked India’s Narendra Modi on Monday not to accelerate the buying of Russian oil as the U.S. and other nations try to cut off Moscow’s energy income following the invasion of Ukraine.

The prime minister made no public commitment to refrain from Russian oil, a source of tension with the United States.

Meeting by video call, Biden told Modi that the U.S. could help India diversify its sources of energy, according to press secretary Jen Psaki. Even though India receives little of its oil from Russia, it stepped up recently with a major purchase as other democracies are trying to isolate Russian President Vladimir Putin.

“The president also made clear that he doesn’t believe it’s in India’s interest to accelerate or increase imports of Russian energy or other commodities,” Psaki said.

While the two nations ended the meeting with Biden saying they committed to strengthening their relationship, White House officials could not say if India stood with them in fully condemning Putin, saying the choice ultimately rested with Modi’s government. The two leaders will meet in person May 24 in Tokyo for a summit of the Quad, a coalition that also includes Australia and Japan.

India’s neutral stance in the war has raised concerns in Washington and earned praise from Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who lauded India this month for judging “the situation in its entirety, not just in a one-sided way.”

Biden opened the video conversation by empha-



President Biden holds a video call with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Seated with Biden are India’s Rajnath Singh, center, and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

sizing the defense partnership between the two countries and by saying the U.S. and India are going to “continue our close consultation on how to manage the destabilizing effects of this Russian war” on food and other commodities.

“The root of our partnership is a deep connection between our people, ties of family, of friendship and of shared values,” Biden said.

Modi on Monday called the situation in Ukraine “very worrying” and noted that an Indian student lost his life during the war.

The prime minister said he has spoken with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, appealing to both for peace.

India has condemned the killings uncovered in the city of Bucha and has called for an independent investigation.

A senior U.S. official described the Biden-Modi exchange as warm and productive, though the official stressed that India would make its own decisions on how to respond to Putin.

Biden and Modi discussed how to manage the risks of global instability regarding food, humanitarian relief and climate change, and Modi candidly

shared his views about some of the tight links between Russia and China that raise concerns, the official said.

Also Monday, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met in person with Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

Austin appealed to India to act together with fellow democracies, a form of government based on the popular consent of the people that stands in contrast to autocracies such as China and Russia.

“Now more than ever, democracies must stand together to defend the values that we all share,” Austin said.

India has refrained from some efforts to hold Russia accountable for its invasion.

India abstained when the U.N. General Assembly voted Thursday to suspend Russia from its seat on the 47-member Human Rights Council over allegations that Russian soldiers in Ukraine engaged in rights violations that the U.S. and Ukraine have called war crimes.

The vote was 93-24 with 58 abstentions.



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NEWS BRIEFING

Pair of Ala. families, physicians challenge trans youth med ban

From news services

Two families with transgender teens and two physicians sued the state of Alabama on Monday to overturn a law that makes it a crime for doctors to treat trans youth under 19 with puberty blockers or hormones to help affirm their gender identity.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court three days after Republican Gov. Kay Ivey signed the measure into law. Ivey is running for reelection this year and faces challengers in next month's GOP primary.

"By signing SB 184 Governor Ivey has told kind, loving, and loyal Alabama families that they cannot stay here without denying their children the basic medical care they need," Dr. Morissa Ladinsky, one of the plaintiffs, said in a statement. "She has undermined the health and well-being of Alabama children and put doctors like me in the horrifying position of choosing between ignoring the medical needs of our patients or risking being sent to prison."

The parents of a 13-year-old transgender girl in Jefferson County and a 17-year-old transgender boy in Shelby County are participating in the lawsuit. The plaintiffs are known as Roe and Doe in the court filing to protect the children's identities.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, the Human Rights Campaign, which is a national advocacy group for the LGBTQ community, and other groups are representing the plaintiffs. The Law Center announced the suit in a news release.

The Alabama law, which will go into effect May 8 unless blocked by the court, will make it a felony for a doctor to prescribe puberty blockers or hormones to aid

in the gender transition of anyone under age 19. Violations will be punishable by up to 10 years in prison. It also prohibits gender transition surgeries, although doctors told lawmakers those are generally not done on minors.

**Philadelphia outbreak:** Philadelphia has become the first major U.S. city to reinstate its indoor mask mandate after reporting a sharp increase in coronavirus infections.

The city's top health official said Monday that she wants to forestall a potential new wave driven by the omicron subvariant.

Dr. Cheryl Bettigole said that COVID-19 cases in the city have risen more than 50% in 10 days. That's the threshold at which the city's guidelines call for people to wear masks indoors. Health inspectors will start enforcing the mask mandate at city businesses starting April 18.

Most states and cities dropped their masking requirements in February and early March following new guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Plane crash report:** A Polish government special commission has reinforced its earlier allegations that the 2010 plane crash that killed President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others in Russia was the result of Moscow's assassination plan.

The latest of the commission's reports, released Monday, alleges that an intentional detonation of planted explosives caused the April 10, 2010, crash of Soviet-made Tu-154M plane that killed Kaczynski, the first lady and 94 other government and armed forces figures as well as many prominent Poles.

Their deaths were the



Residents and a motorist waded through a flooded street Monday after heavy rains brought about by a tropical depression in Abuyog, Leyte province, Philippines. Heavy rains caused by the storm killed at least 25 people in the central and southern Philippines, mostly due to landslides, officials said. At least 30,000 families have been displaced. BOBBIE ALOTA/GETTY-AFP

result of an "act of unlawful interference by the Russian side," the commission's head Antoni Macierewicz told a news conference.

"The main and indisputable proof of the interference was an explosion in the left wing ... followed by an explosion in the plane's center," said Macierewicz, who in 2015-18 served as defense minister in Poland's right-wing government.

**China missiles:** China said Monday that its military planes delivered "regular military supplies" to Serbia, in its first comments on an unusual operation in which six Chinese Air Force Y-20 transport planes landed in Belgrade early Saturday.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters the operation was part of the two countries' annual cooperation plan, does not target any third parties and "has nothing to do with the current situation."

The planes' arrival

prompted heavy speculation they were carrying HQ-22 surface-to-air missiles under the terms of a previous deal signed between the sides. Serbia's defense ministry did not respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic all but confirmed the delivery of the medium-range systems agreed to in 2019, saying on Saturday that he will present "the newest pride" of the Serbian military on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The operation came amid Western concerns that an arms buildup in the Balkans as a war is raging in Ukraine could threaten the region.

**Israel shooting:** Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man near Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said early Monday, the latest in a growing wave of violence that has erupted during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The Israeli military said it opened fire at a man throwing a firebomb at an Israeli vehicle driving on a West Bank highway late Sunday. The shooting raised to four the number of Palestinians killed in the past 24 hours, among them an unarmed woman who was shot and killed at a military checkpoint near Bethlehem.

Ramadan this year converges with major Jewish and Christian holidays. Protests and clashes in Jerusalem during Ramadan last year boiled over into an 11-day war between Israel and Gaza militants.

Israel has stepped up its military activity in the West Bank after Palestinian assailants killed 14 Israelis in four deadly attacks inside Israel in recent weeks.

Israel also has taken a series of steps to try to calm the situation, including granting thousands of Palestinians from the Hamas-run Gaza Strip permits to work inside Israel.

The Israeli military said

Monday it arrested 13 Palestinians suspected of militant activity in the West Bank, and that during the arrest operations Palestinians threw rocks at troops and burned tires.

**Fearless Girl:** The 4-foot bronze Fearless Girl statue that was deposited in front of New York City's Charging Bull in 2017 will remain in its spot opposite the New York Stock Exchange at least until early next year while city officials wrestle with a permanent disposition for the popular symbol of female empowerment, a city board decided Monday.

Members of the Public Design Commission granted an 11-month permit extension and said they would spend the next six months exploring a way for New York City to take ownership of the statue, subject of litigation between artist Kristen Visbal and State Street Global Advisors, the Boston-based asset-management firm that commissioned it.

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## Tech slump stirs tumble of stocks on Wall Street

By **Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga**  
Associated Press

Technology companies led a broad slide for stocks on Wall Street and bond yields rose again Monday as investors look ahead to the upcoming company earnings reporting season and what it will reveal about the impact inflation is having on corporate profits.

The S&P 500 fell 1.7%, adding to its recent losses. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.2% and the tech-heavy Nasdaq slid 2.2%. Both the benchmark S&P 500 and the Nasdaq are coming off their first weekly losses in four weeks.

Bond yields rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed to 2.78% from 2.71% late Friday. Bonds have been rising amid expectations of higher interest rates as the Federal Reserve moves to squelch inflation.

The market “is still reacting to what’s happening in the bond market,” said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at All Star Charts. “You have yields, not just in the U.S. but around the world, moving sharply higher and that’s putting pressure on (stocks) generally. That was the story last week, and it’s the story this week.”

Higher rates hurt all kinds of investments, particularly stocks that are seen as the most expensive, such as those of Big Tech companies. As bonds offer better returns for less risk, that makes pricey stocks less attractive, which is why the heaviest selling has been concentrated in technology and other growth stocks as inflation fears have rattled the market.

Technology stocks were again the biggest weights on the market Monday. Microsoft fell 3.9% and Apple shed 2.6%.

All 11 sectors in the S&P 500 fell. The index ended down 75.75 points to 4,412.53. The Dow lost 413.04 points to 34,308.08, while the Nasdaq slid 299.04 points to 13,411.96.

Small company stocks held up better than the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 fell 14.24 points, or 0.7%, to 1,980.32.

Energy stocks were among some of the biggest losers as they followed oil prices lower. U.S. crude oil prices fell 4% and Occidental Petroleum slumped 3.9%, the biggest decliner in the S&P 500.

Oil prices remain volatile amid Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, which has put more pressure on global energy supplies. Global oil prices are up just over 25% for the year,

though they have been easing somewhat throughout April.

Shares of the new Warner Bros. Discovery media giant rose 1.3% on their first day of trading. The company is the \$43 billion combination of Discovery and the AT&T spinoff WarnerMedia that includes storied film studio Warner Bros., CNN, HBO, HGTV and Discovery. AT&T jumped 7.7%.

Investors continue to remain uneasy about higher interest rates, Russia’s war on Ukraine and China’s effort to contain coronavirus outbreaks. In China, automakers and other manufacturers are reducing production after authorities tightened restrictions to help stem coronavirus outbreaks in Shanghai and other cities.

Wall Street will get several updates this week that could provide more clues about how the broader economy has been handling rising inflation.

The Labor Department on Tuesday will release its report on consumer prices for March, while the Commerce Department will release its March retail sales report Thursday. Those reports have been closely watched as investors try to figure out how rising prices have been impacting consumer spending.

## Ukraine’s economy to fall 45%, report says

By **Kelvin Chan**  
Associated Press

LONDON — The World Bank says Ukraine’s economy will shrink by 45.1% this year because of Russia’s invasion, which has shut down half of the country’s businesses, choked off imports and exports, and damaged a vast amount of critical infrastructure.

Unprecedented financial and export sanctions imposed by Western allies in response to the war, meanwhile, are plunging Russia into a deep recession, lopping off more than a tenth of its economic growth, the World Bank said in a report this week.

The war is set to inflict twice the amount of economic damage across Europe and Central Asia that the COVID-19 pandemic did, the Washington-based lender said in its “War in the Region” economic report. Besides Ukraine, it focuses on central and Eastern Europe, former Soviet republics, the Balkan countries and Turkey.

“The magnitude of the humanitarian crisis unleashed by the war is staggering,” said Anna Bjerde, the World Bank’s vice president for the Europe and Central Asia region.

The report said economic activity is impossible in “large swaths of areas” in Ukraine because infrastructure like roads, bridges, ports and train tracks has been destroyed.

Ukraine plays a major role as a global supplier of agricultural exports like wheat but that’s in question now because planting and harvesting have been disrupted by the war, the report said.

The war has cut off access to the Black Sea, a key route for exports, including 90% of Ukraine’s grain shipments, it said. Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Tajikistan also are forecast to slide into recession this year.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Italy inks energy deal with Algeria

MILAN — Italian Premier Mario Draghi secured a deal Monday for more natural gas imports across a Mediterranean pipeline from Algeria, marking the latest push by a European Union nation to reduce dependence on Russian energy following its invasion of Ukraine.

Russia is Italy’s biggest supplier of natural gas, representing 40% of total imports, followed by Algeria, which provides some 21 billion cubic meters of gas via the Trans-Mediterranean pipeline.

The new deal between Italian energy company Eni and Algeria’s Sonatrach would add up to 9 billion cubic meters of gas from Algeria by 2023-24, just eclipsing Russia’s current 29 billion cubic meters a year. The increased flows will start in the fall, Eni said.

## Utility set to pay \$55M for 2 fires

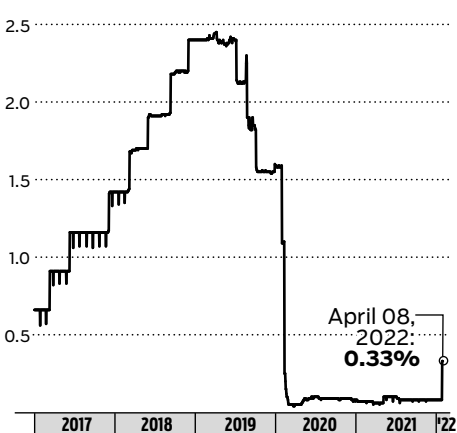
SAN FRANCISCO — Pacific Gas & Electric has agreed to pay more than \$55 million to avoid criminal prosecution for two major wildfires started by the utility’s aging power lines in Northern California, prosecutors announced Monday.

PG&E does not admit wrongdoing in the two settlements reached with prosecutors for last year’s Dixie Fire and the 2019 Kincadee Fire in Sonoma County. The deals expedite damage payments to the hundreds of people whose homes were destroyed.

Pacific Gas & Electric has been blamed for more than 30 wildfires since 2017 that wiped out more than 23,000 homes and businesses and killed more than 100 people. It previously reached settlements with wildfire victims of more than \$25.5 billion.

### Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

TNS



A Russian-made Lada car, right, parks April 1 in Havana. Global restrictions on Russia is causing problems in Cuba. **RAMON ESPINOSA/AP**

## Cuban car owners hit a snag

### Spare parts harder to find after global trade restrictions on Russia after its invasion

By **Juan Zamorano and Gisela Salomon**  
Associated Press

ARTEMISA, Cuba — Francisco Perez Rodriguez has a car problem — one that’s starting to be all too common for many Cubans.

He’s been rebuilding the engine of his father-in-law’s Moskvich — one of tens of thousands of cars and other vehicles that poured into Cuba from its Cold War allies in the Soviet bloc and later Russia over the past half century.

To run, it needs a new timing belt.

But Perez Rodriguez said that’s something only available these days in Russia. And flights there have been disrupted by Western sanctions imposed after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Global restrictions on transport and trade with Russia pose an especially serious problem for Cubans, whose socialist government has lived since the early 1960s under an embargo imposed by the nearby United

States. Much of the island’s fleets of trucks, buses, cars and tractors came from distant Russia and are now aging, in need of parts.

And much like Russian tourists, those parts are no longer arriving.

Transportation in Cuba can be difficult in the best of times. Buses have often been in short supply, cargo trucks are sometimes pressed into service for rural passengers and the streets are filled with Russian-made Ladas, Niva SUVs and Jeep-like Uazs.

Many of the 1950s-vintage American cars that roll along Havana’s waterfront have been modified over the years to use Russian engines and other parts.

Cuban statistics indicate the island has about 20,000 old American cars and 80,000 to 100,000 Ladas.

“For the Ladas, everything is brought from Russia. Many people are going to be affected,” said Perez Rodriguez, 57, who operates a lathe workshop in Artemisa, just southeast of Havana.

Along with disruption of the key tourism industry and financial transactions with Russia, “the interruption of transportation is going to be a problem for Cuba in terms of spare parts,” said William LeoGrande, an expert on Cuba at the American University in Washington, D.C.

“This just makes life even harder, even if they find ways to work around these sanctions on Russia,” he said. “It is going to be more expensive; it is going to be more time consuming, and it is just going to make their economic situation worse.”

Cuba’s economy has been slammed by tightened U.S. sanctions under the Trump administration and by the pandemic.

The problem is difficult to measure because much of the trade in parts occur in the informal market — exchanges between individuals, said Pavel Vidal Alejandro, an economics professor at the Pontifical Javeriana University in Cali, Colombia.

“The Cubans have a lot of restrictions on travel without a visa to other countries, and Russia is one of the exceptions.”

“Even with the distance and the cost that implies in terms of travel, it was a market from which came goods” both for the formal market and for self-employed Cubans, he said.

Many found it easier to get the parts via trips to Florida, where some sellers specialized in importing Russian car parts specifically for people traveling to and from Cuba. Now sanctions on dealings with Russian banks and on shipping complicate that as well.

## Tesla CEO decides not to join Twitter board

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Twitter’s largest investor, billionaire Elon Musk, is reversing course and will no longer join the company’s board of directors less than a week after being awarded a seat.

Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal announced the news, which followed a weekend of Musk tweets suggesting changes to Twitter, including making the site ad-free. Nearly 90% of Twitter’s 2021 revenue came from ads.

“Elon’s appointment to the board was to become officially effective on %, but Elon shared that same morning that he would not be joining the board,” Agrawal wrote in a reposted note originally sent to Twitter

employees. “I believe this is for the best.”

Agrawal didn’t offer an explanation for Musk’s apparent decision. He said the board understood the risks of having Musk, who is now the company’s largest shareholder, as a member. But at the time it “believed having Elon as a fiduciary of the company, where he, like all board members, has to act in the best interests of the company and all our shareholders, was the best path forward,” he wrote.

The rapidly evolving relationship between Musk and Twitter began one week ago when regulatory filings revealed the mercurial billionaire had amassed a 9.2% stake in the social media platform. A later financial filing showed that Musk had been buying up the shares in almost daily batches

starting Jan. 31.

Twitter gave Musk a seat on the board on the condition that he not own more than 14.9% of the company’s outstanding stock, according to a regulatory filing.

Musk’s board role could have made him a “thorn in the side of management” and given him an influential inside voice in the platform’s future, but it could have also discouraged him from rocking the boat too much, said Chester Spatt, a finance professor at Carnegie Mellon University and former chief economist at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“There’s an old cliché about keeping somebody inside the tent,” Spatt said. “There were advantages to having him constrained a bit.”



BUSINESS



Ukrainian troops in a field with sunflowers in Kryva Luka, Ukraine. The country is the world's top exporter of sunflower oil with Russia ranked second. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP 2014**

Food prices soar to records on Ukraine war disruptions

By Nicole Winfield  
Associated Press

ROME — Prices for food commodities like grains and vegetable oils reached their highest levels ever last month largely because of Russia's war in Ukraine and the "massive supply disruptions" it is causing, threatening millions of people in Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere with hunger and malnourishment, the United Nations said last week.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said its Food Price Index, which tracks monthly changes in international prices for a basket of commodities, averaged 159.3 points last month, up 12.6% from February. The February index was at the highest level since its inception in 1990.

The organization said the war was largely responsible for the 17.1% rise in the price of grains, including wheat and others like oats, barley and corn. Together, Russia and Ukraine account for around 30% and 20% of global wheat and corn exports, respectively.

While predictable given February's steep rise, "this is really remarkable," said Josef Schmidhuber, deputy director of FAO's markets and trade division. "Clearly, these very high prices for food require urgent action."

The biggest price increases were for vegetable oils: that price index rose 23.2%, driven by higher quotations for sunflower oil used for cooking. Ukraine is the world's leading exporter of sunflower oil, and Russia is No. 2.

"There is, of course, a massive supply disruption, and that massive supply disruption from the Black Sea region has fueled prices for vegetable oil," Schmidhuber told reporters in Geneva.

He said he couldn't calculate how much the war was to blame for the record food prices, noting poor weather in the United States and China also were blamed for crop concerns. But he said "logistical factors" were playing a big role.

"Essentially, there are no exports through the Black Sea, and exports through the Baltics is practically also coming to an end," he said.

Soaring food prices and disruption to supplies coming from Russia and Ukraine have threatened food shortages in countries in the Middle East, Africa and parts of Asia where many people already were not getting enough to eat.

Those nations rely on affordable supplies of wheat and other grains from the Black Sea region to feed millions who subsist on subsidized bread and bargain noodles, and they now face the possibility of further political instability.

Other large grain producers like the United States, Canada, France, Australia and Argentina are being closely watched to see if they can ramp up production to fill in gaps, but farmers face issues like climbing fuel and fertilizer costs.

In the Sahel region of Central and West Africa, the disruptions from the war have added to a precarious food situation caused by COVID-19, conflicts, poor weather and other structural problems, said Sib Ollo, senior researcher for the World Food Program for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal.

Farms face grisly question as deadly bird flu cases spread

By Josh Funk  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The spread of a bird flu that is deadly to poultry raises the grisly question of how farms manage to quickly kill and dispose of millions of chickens and turkeys.

It's a chore that farms across the country are increasingly facing as the number of poultry killed in the past two months has climbed to more than 24 million, with outbreaks reported nearly every day. Some farms have had to kill more than 5 million chickens at a single site with a goal of destroying the birds within 24 hours to limit the spread of the disease and prevent animals from suffering.

"The faster we can get on site and depopulate the birds that remain on site, the better," Minnesota State Veterinarian Beth Thompson said.

The outbreak is the biggest since 2015, when producers had to kill more than 50 million birds. So far this year, there have been cases in 24 states, with Iowa the hardest hit with about 13 million chickens and turkeys killed.

Farms faced with the need to kill so many birds turn to recommendations by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Even as it has developed methods to kill the poultry quickly, the association acknowledges its techniques "may not guarantee that the deaths the animals face are painless and distress free." Veterinarians and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials also typically oversee the process.

One of the preferred methods is to spray water-based firefighting foam over birds inside a barn. That kills the animals by cutting off their air supply.

When foam won't work, the USDA also recommends



About 13 million chickens and turkeys in Iowa this year have been killed because of a bird flu outbreak. Above, turkeys on a farm near Manson, Iowa. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP 2015**

sealing up barns and piping carbon dioxide inside, first rendering the birds unconscious and ultimately killing them.

If one those methods won't work, the association said a last resort is a technique called ventilation shutdown. In that scenario, farmers stop airflow into barns, which raises temperatures to levels at which the animals die. The USDA and the veterinary association recommend that farmers add additional heat or carbon dioxide to barns to speed up the process and limit suffering by the animals.

Mike Stepien, a spokesman for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the techniques are the best options when it's necessary to quickly kill so many birds.

"State animal health officials and producers carefully weigh the different options to determine the best option for humane depopulation and do not make such decisions lightly," Stepien said.

Not everyone agrees. Animal welfare groups

argue that all these methods for quickly killing birds are inhumane, though they are particularly opposed to ventilation shutdown, which they note can take hours and is akin to leaving a dog in a hot car. Animal rights groups delivered a petition last year signed by 3,577 people involved in caring for animals, including nearly 1,600 veterinarians, that urged the veterinary association to stop recommending ventilation shutdown as an option.

"We have to do better. None of these are acceptable in any way," said Sara Shields, director of farm animal welfare science at Humane Society International.

Sam Krouse, vice president of Indiana-based MPS Egg Farms, said farmers feel miserable about using any of the options.

"We pour our lives and livelihoods into taking care of those birds, and it's just devastating when we lose any of those birds," Krouse said. "Everything that we're doing every day is focused on keeping the disease out."

MARKET RUNDOWN

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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DOW

34,308.08 -413.04

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10-YR T-BOND

2.77% +.06

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GOLD

\$1,944.30 +2.70

35,400

34,780

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10 DAYS

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Close: 34,308.08

Change: -413.04 (-1.2%)

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
<b>FUELS</b>			
Crude Oil (bbl)	94.29	98.26	+25.37%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.64	6.28	+78.10%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.00	3.13	+34.77%
<b>METALS</b>			
Gold (oz)	1,944.30	1,941.60	+6.39%
Silver (oz)	24.98	24.82	+7.07%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates	
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx		PREV. WK.
Britain	1.3034	.7672	
Canada	.7923	1.2621	
China	.1570	6.3701	
Euro	1.0890	.9183	
Japan	.007970	125.46	
Mexico	.050201	19.9197	

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,192.78	-90.89	-.64%	-10.65%
London	7,618.31	-51.25	-.67%	+3.17%
Hong Kong	21,208.30	-663.71	-3.03%	-9.36%
Nikkei	26,821.52	-164.28	-.61%	-6.84%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,308.08	-413.04	-5.59%
DOW Trans.	14,527.20	+56.48	-11.84%
DOW Util.	1,058.03	-12.81	+7.88%
NYSE Comp.	16,534.21	-155.75	-3.67%
Nasdaq Comp.	13,411.96	-299.04	-14.27%
S&P 500	4,412.53	-75.75	-7.42%
S&P 400	2,605.74	-11.35	-8.31%
Wilshire 5000	44,211.70	-715.70	-8.77%
Russell 2000	1,980.32	-14.24	-11.80%

Stocks of Local Interest			
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	18.72	+48	-31.2
AT&T Inc (T)	19.63	-4.51	-20.2
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	97.37	-3.63	-32.3
Altamire Therapeutic (CYTO)	1.66	+59	-8.5
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.97	+38	-5.5
Amphenol Corp (APH)	71.74	-1.54	-18.0
Apple Inc (AAPL)	165.75	-4.34	-6.7
Athersys Inc (ATHX)	.86	+33	-4.8
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	48.48	+28	-2.8
Bank of America (BAC)	39.59	-.08	-11.0
Barnes Group (B)	36.39	-.58	-21.9
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.58	-.02	-51.7
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2169.21	+1.79	-9.6
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.50	-1.27	+22.7
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	104.45	-2.16	+1.3
Carnival Corp (CCL)	18.54	+20	-7.9
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	42.44	-.94	-21.8
Charter Communic (CHTR)	559.91	+2.31	-14.1
Cigna Corp (CI)	254.12	-3.78	+10.7
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	47.61	+19	-5.4
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	2.55	+0.3	-48.8
Disney (DIS)	130.65	-1.22	-15.6
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	112.88	-.50	-11.4
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.80	-.23	-5.7
Eversource Energy (ES)	91.78	-.75	+9
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.39	+0.3	-56.1
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	83.85	-2.99	+37.0
Ford Motor (F)	15.28	+23	-26.4
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.49	+10	+5.6
Gen Dynamics (GD)	243.55	+1.51	+16.8
Gen Electric (GE)	89.67	-.07	-5.1
General Motors Co (GM)	40.33	+98	-31.2
Genocea Bioscience (GNCA)	.60	+20	-48.3
Hartford Fv Sv (HIG)	74.12	-.01	+7.4
Honeywell Intl (HON)	189.27	-.89	-9.2
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	14.21	-.09	-10.7
Hoth Therapeutics (HOTH)	1.05	+43	+59.1
Hycroft Mining Holdg (HYMC)	2.21	+0.5	+259.9
IQIYI Inc (IQ)	4.44	+0.8	-2.6
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	23.05	-.65	-8.9
Intel Corp (INTC)	46.57	-.45	-9.6
Kaman (KAMN)	41.18	+19	-4.6
Keycorp (KEY)	20.86	+0.9	-9.8
Kintara Therapeutics (KTRA)	.50	+13	-2.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	63.81	-.40	-6.5
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
M&T Bank (MTB)	163.53	+46	+6.5
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	39.51	+31	-12.0
MetLife Inc (MET)	70.58	-.03	+12.9
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	285.26	-11.71	-15.2
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	2.66	+1.15	-49.1
Nielsen Hldgs plc (NLSN)	27.40	-.35	+33.6
Novartis AG (NVS)	93.75	+1.02	+7.2
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	219.17	-12.02	-25.5
Occid Petl (OXY)	57.92	-3.88	+99.8
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	76.37	-.87	-12.3
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	12.66	-.04	-30.5
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	53.93	-1.24	-8.7
Phio Pharmaceuticals (PHIO)	1.75	-.60	+75.0
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.86	-.09	-26.7
Prudential FncI (PRU)	116.50	-.21	+7.6
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	71.73	-.36	+7.5
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	102.11	+1.71	+18.6
Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.02	-.33	-.4
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	72.40	-.66	-11.7
Sailpoint Technol (SAIL)	64.05	+14.46	+32.5
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.72	-.15	-51.2
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.94	-.06	+70.4
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	141.00	+0.8	-25.2
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.55	+1.6	-3.1
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.56	+0.0	-2.4
Terex Corp (TEX)	33.18	+5.1	-24.5
Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	6.37	-.03	-9.4
Tonix Pharma (TNXP)	.20	-.01	-44.7
Travelers Cos (TRV)	185.64	+7.8	+18.7
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	47.01	+7.8	+8.8
United Rentals (URI)	316.03	-1.02	-4.9
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	537.44	-8.52	+7.0
Verizon Comm (VZ)	53.90	+3.7	+3.7
Veru Inc (VERU)	12.28	+7.93	+108.5
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	198.89	-4.91	-33.1
Voya Financial (VOYA)	66.37	-.24	+1
Webster Financial (WBS)	50.24	+2.4	-10.0
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	49.33	+6.0	+2.8
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1085.38	-14.97	+7.1
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	61.29	-.20	+24.2
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	59.36	-1.54	-23.3
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.42	+2.3	-14.2

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OP-ED

# Strength and artistry in Ukraine

By Katja Kolcio

The term “strongman” invokes the idea of power. Strength is something we almost, by definition, aspire to, in the desire to feel impactful, important. “It’s concise and common, historically deployed to describe autocrats who rule by violence and see themselves, or want to be seen, as worthy of fear,” wrote Daniel King in Mother Jones, where he described the word as “conjuring.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin fits this definition — and most everyone agrees. Why is this the case? What is the effect? What might we learn about that strength from unexpected places? Subjective terms such as strength, but also grace, virtuosity, etc., seem harmless. But the way we choose our words impacts the ways in which we value certain actions over others. It impacts what our children aspire to do and be. What does it mean to be strong?

Such terms are culturally or politically situated and vary from one situation to the next. As a simple example consider the words grace, virtuosity, strength. These qualities are all present in ballet, tap dance, hip-hop and Senegalese dance, but look very different in each form.

When I began teaching dance at Wesleyan University in 2000, I taught a unit called “strength study,” in which we practiced jumping higher, farther and with



A car moves in a street past damaged houses Thursday in Chernihiv, Ukraine. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP**

more force in order to evoke and demonstrate strength in performance. In the midst of teaching, one of my first students, Katie Horowitz, now a professor, stood adamantly still. I asked her what was wrong. She said “Nothing. I’m demonstrating my strength by being myself.”

In that moment Katie brought strength to light for me, in a way that impacted my artistic, cultural and political work. We decide where and what is strong.

As an artist, the most powerful work happens when one is willing to be honest and vulnerable. As a dancer, softening one’s muscles allows for the greatest range of possibility. And as a Ukrainian, the courage it has taken Ukrainians over the past 100 years simply to

claim Ukrainian identity is greater than any power a government or ruler can wield over another person or group.

Strength is exhibited in honesty, softness, patience and most of all, perseverance.

When referencing someone like Putin, strong is an irresponsible term to use. It conveys an inaccurate depiction of the current situation. At worst, it contributes to the public understanding of what we aspire toward in being strong people.

An increasing number of people are struck by Putin’s insecurity — the long tables and distance he requires between himself and others in meetings, his harsh treatment of peaceful protesters. His authoritarian and aggressive

actions are lashing out against his greatest fears in an attempt to control them.

And what Putin fears, more than NATO, is Ukrainian civic vitality and perseverance. He is most afraid of a nation that has never once waged war or invaded another country. He is most afraid of a nation that willingly dismantled its entire nuclear arsenal, the third-largest in the world, in 1994, in return for a promise of territorial integrity. No other country has made such a dramatic move in the interest of world peace.

This morning when I turned the TV on to Ukrainian livestream programming, I did not see panic-inducing broadcasts of tanks moving in, but a straightforward update of where shell-

ing and tanks were moving. The broadcaster was interviewing a woman describing a technique meant to reduce anxiety and panic. The broadcaster listened and repeated: breathe in and out to the count of four, cover yourself with a warm blanket, be sure your feet are touching the floor, place one hand on your chest and one on your stomach to feel your body and presence. The broadcast then turned to the well-known contemporary poet, Sergei Zhadan, speaking from Kharkiv, which was being attacked at that moment. He said, “We are prepared but we are calm, and we are here.”

It is not surprising that the most revered political leaders in Ukraine, dating back to the 1800s and continuing through Soviet times into independence and to the present day, have been poets, artists, and people who patiently insist on being themselves even against all odds, without apology and without retreat. Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy exudes such a strength, one that is based on human dignity and not subjugation. Zelenskyy is more than a president, he is a person. A Ukrainian.

This is strength.

*Katja Kolcio is an associate professor of dance and of Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where she studies the role of the creative body and mind as an agent of social change.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Biden should stop being so kind

NATO is to be congratulated on delineating which weapons are allowed in Putin’s war against Ukraine. It apparently is OK for him to blow people and buildings to bits as long as he uses tactical missiles, artillery and tanks. NATO will not interfere if he sticks to this strategy.

But NATO members have drawn red lines against weapons such as nuclear missiles, chemical weapons and other poison gases used to obliterate people and to reduce real estate to rubble. And not all members agree on which of these to red line, or what they will do when these weapons are used. There is no unity, only fear of what might happen, as if it’s not happening in Ukraine now. So the hand-wringing continues and red lines cover the map. But these red lines are not from Crayolas. They are from the blood of Ukrainians.

All the Ukrainians want are jets to control their skies and weapons to protect people. NATO, a hugely powerful military force with the U.S. in the leadership position, is operating from fear, not resolve. I voted for President Joe Biden because I felt that he was the kindest of the candidates. Mr. President, you are killing them with kindness.

**David Gerrol, West Hartford**

### Can’t discern White House messages

While prolific during President Joe Biden’s recent trip to Brussels and Poland, a White House spokesperson seems to be frequently reinterpreting the president’s comments with lines like “that’s not what he meant.” What a minute! He is the president of the United States speaking on the world stage. Who at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is undermining the president and truly trying to run the government from the backstage?

Also, both the video and print media offer “corrected versions” of the president’s comments with the proviso that the White House spokesperson needs to remain anonymous

or may not have been authorized to comment. If the press cannot verify the source, then why publish the comment? Bottom line: it is becoming more difficult to correctly digest and interpret the messages coming from the White House.

**Tim Pelton, Southington**

### Make your free throws

The UConn-North Carolina State double-overtime basketball game would not have happened if either or both teams had scored its penalty points during regular play time.

**Lowell C. Johnson, West Granby**

### Give us a broader base of opinion

A recent letter writer to The Courant laments the inclusion of editorials and opinions from the right side of the aisle. It’s an ironic message to hear while we are looking to improve diversity and democracy. I’m afraid most readers form their opinions based on news written from one viewpoint. Simultaneously, Connecticut policies have been generated from one perspective for many years now.

I also notice that we have as many scandals within the higher levels of the Democratic Party as do the Republicans. We are facing questionable strategies around taxation, inflation, energy and teenage crime, all within a solid blue state. The readership and the legislature would benefit hearing from both sides of the aisle and perhaps come to better decisions. We need a stronger and broader base of opinion from which to chart our future.

**Brian O’Neill, Haddam**

### Yes, I miss you, President Trump

When President Donald Trump asks, “do you miss me now?” When heating oil is sky high.

When gasoline goes up. When grocery shelves are half-empty and what is left is more expensive. When kids are stranded. When shoplifting is allowed. Do we miss President Trump? You bet we do.

**Barbara Spielman, Windsor**

### Ukraine a bigger story than gas prices

It was disappointing to see the Courant’s presentation of photographs as effectively prioritizing the concern regarding the American gas prices over that regarding the Ukrainian fight for democracy. The front page of March 5 Courant prominently displayed a photo of gas pumps — hardly newsworthy — as we all are familiar with this common fixture. Yet, the casual reader might come away with the impression that the increasing price of gas should be the dominant concern of the day. Compare Page 3 of this same edition, which displayed a photo of the historic monastery in Kyiv, which is most newsworthy during these troubled times. That was the photo that should have appeared on the front page.

It is correct to report the prospect of increasing gas prices. However, any such discomfort pales in comparison to the unfolding tragedy in Ukraine. That should be the dominant story.

**Francis J. Brady, West Granby**

### Insensitive photo use in Courant

I realize that page layouts are crucial for highlighting information. Therefore, I was shocked to find that the Courant placed on its March 6 front page a photo of displaced Ukrainian adults and children sleeping on the floor in Poland while it published below an ad for the Connecticut Home and Remodeling Show. How insensitive.

**Sandra Paisley, Avon**

OP-ED

# Democrat-controlled Congress should do more to help Biden on Ukraine

By Gary Franks  
Tribune Content Agency

More than 70% of the country feels we are going in the wrong direction. If Americans did not need another reason to change directions at least at the Congressional level, the massacre at Bucha and horrors seen in Ukraine cry out for change.

Where is the Democrat-controlled Congress? It is an equal branch of government.

From a recent House Armed Services Committee meeting I surmise the following: If we knew sanctions would not work in deterring Russia and we are not going to deploy troops in Ukraine - which President Mark Milley said would have worked (an idea rejected by President Joe Biden out of his concern it could provoke World War III) - then we should not be surprised by what is going on today. Russia is occupying and destroying Ukraine.

A president’s judgment can be wrong. We all understand that. That is why we pray for him. But a president must have impeccable veracity. After erring, he should apologize to the American people. We are forgiving. But he shouldn’t think he can simply get away with it. We are not stupid.

During Biden’s brief time as president we have had a considerable amount of international military activity - at least four momentous incidents that the Democrat-controlled Congress has not fully explored. Assertions



Refugees walk after fleeing the war from neighboring Ukraine on Thursday at the border crossing in Medyka, southeastern Poland. **SERGEI GRITS/AP**

about these incidents, made by the administration, cast doubt on its willingness to tell Americans hard truths.

1. “Generals agreed with the U.S. exit plan out of Afghanistan.” This simply does not match statements made by the generals themselves. The result? The exit was a debacle.

2. “We will not leave any American behind in Afghanistan.” Instead, the administration left hundreds behind.

3. Tough sanctions will deter Russia from invading Ukraine. We all know they would take a while to kick-in and bite. So that’s poor judgment.

4. Then, Biden claimed he never said sanctions would deter Russia. Yet the entire leader-

ship at White House said they “would.”

Congress should request clarity from each one of the administration’s officials who made these claims. Who authorized these untruths? Either the officials were lying or the person at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave was making statements contrary to the facts.

In an op-ed published a few weeks ago, I claimed that only a strong military presence would deter Russia from invading Ukraine. General Milley said the same this week before a Congressional hearing.

I applaud Pentagon officials who are now calling for a buildup of U.S. forces in countries bordering Ukraine. This is a REAL deterrence and I trust they are

doing the same in other hot spots around the world. The idea is simple: peace through strength.

If the Democrat-controlled House and Senate are okay with Biden’s statements not aligning with the facts, then those members of that body should all be replaced. They all represent the American people, and we are not OK with any of the four statements that Biden made.

Former President Bill Clinton faced impeachment for lying under oath on a personal matter. It cost the American people nothing and no lives were at risk.

What Biden has done with his misstatements has resulted in thousands of lives lost, billions of dollars spent, military hardware lost (to the Taliban), increased energy costs, rampant inflation, and potentially trillions of dollars that would be needed to rebuild Ukraine someday.

Biden’s spending proposals also de-prioritizes national defense to a degree. His increase in spending does not keep up with inflation. Thus, in real dollars, it amounts to a cut. This is when the world has become a much less safe place as General Milley has argued.

We all know that former presidents Reagan and H.W. Bush would not stand for this. And we know what Eisenhower would have done. All conservative Republicans ran strong administrations when it came to military intervention abroad. They won the Cold War. They made our friends love us and our enemies

fear us.

How can we witness war crimes and still refuse to give the Ukrainians what they have requested in this fight? I trust the MiG-29s will eventually find their way into Ukrainian hands. It will help them go on the offensive.

Punishing Russia for war crimes is in the future. After all, when you are fighting a bully, it is common for the bully not to follow the rules of “engagement.” Yes, he may hit the little kid below the belt - that’s totally inappropriate - but does he really care? And do threats of “punishment” far into the future “really” cause concern?

The atrocities we are witnessing in Ukraine may partially be due to failed policies, including European nations still purchasing oil and gas from Russia.

But the Democrat-controlled Congress can do a lot more. They should help, challenge, and advise the Biden Administration whenever they can find the time in between holding Contempt of Congress hearings, as they explore the 2020 election aftermath. Oh, well.

*Gary Franks served three terms as U.S. representative for Connecticut’s 5th District. He was the first Black Republican elected to the House in nearly 60 years and New England’s first Black member of the House. Host: podcast “We Speak Frankly.” Author: “With God, For God, and For Country.” @GaryFranks*



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Paul Aho, Chair  
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### Connecticut

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Borelli, Sandra L.



Sandra Lee “Susie” Borelli, 73 of Glastonbury, peacefully passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Parkway Pavilion, Enfield. Susie was born March 8, 1949 and raised in Windsor by Howard and Jeanette (Gagnon) Blinn. She was employed as a bartender at Il Capriccio Ristorante on Franklin Avenue, Hartford for over 30 years. Being the outgoing person that she was, she made many friends over the years, not only at the ristorante but along Franklin Avenue as well. Susie loved traveling. She also had a great love of animals, especially cats. She was a longtime volunteer of the Sadie Mae Foundation, donating countless hours during many fundraising events to save the lives of animals. Susie will be deeply missed and forever remembered in the hearts of her family, her brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Debbie Blinn of Somers and her sister, Sandy Blinn of Florida, as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family members. Susie was predeceased by her brothers, Richard, Robert, and James Blinn. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend a grave-side memorial service Wednesday, April 13 at 1:45 p.m. in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield with Rev. John Melnyck officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Sadie Mae Foundation, 1270 Boston Turnpike, Bolton, CT 06043 or online at [www.sadiemae-foundation.org](http://www.sadiemae-foundation.org). Susie’s funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Glastonbury Funeral Home, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. To express online condolences, please visit [www.glastonburyfuneral.com](http://www.glastonburyfuneral.com).



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Brunelle, Albert F.



Albert Francis Brunelle, 100, of Newington, departed this life on April 10, 2022. He was the beloved husband of the late Lina (Gosselin) Brunelle. Son of Arthur and Josephine (Letourneau) Brunelle, he was born on March 23, 1922, in Saint Hermenegilde, Quebec, Canada. Albert was a devout Catholic and member of St. Mary’s Church, Newington, and devoted to his family. Albert grew up on a dairy farm with his eight siblings. When he left home, he worked as a logger in New Hampshire until his enrollment in the U.S. armed forces. Albert served in World War II (Central Europe) as a member of the 409th Airborne Quartermaster Company from 1942 to 1946. After discharge, he returned to his work as a logger until he married Lina Gosselin, the love of his life, in 1955. They settled in Hartford, where they raised their four children. Albert worked as a plumbing contractor and then as a mechanical engineering foreman at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, retiring after 30 years. A testament to his ambition and capability, Albert was a self-taught master craftsman. He had an impressive wood shop in his basement where he spent years woodworking and building exquisite furniture. He was always the first to help his family with all types of projects, including home renovations, building sheds and babysitting. He loved to tell stories of growing up on the farm, working in the logging camp, and serving in the Army. Albert also enjoyed singing and going to church. He was deeply rooted in his faith and lived his life prayerfully. He found great joy in being surrounded by family, watching his grandchildren grow up, and then watching his great grandchildren at play. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Lise Banach and husband Stephen of Suffield, Rolande Brunelle of Wethersfield, Marc Brunelle and wife Laura of East Granby, and Jeanne Charbonneau and husband Jim of Berlin; his grandchildren, Christian Banach and wife Kristin, Timothy Banach and wife Erika, Mary Parlante and husband Kyle, Eric Brunelle, Sean Brunelle, Emily Charbonneau and Andrew Charbonneau; and his eight great grandchildren, Peter, Daniel, Elise, Benjamin, Theo, Miles, Simon and Leo. He is also survived by two siblings Rita Bolduc and Roger (Pauline) Brunelle, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters Rolande Melanson, Therese Cayouette, Gertrude Albee and brothers, Lucien Brunelle, Rene Brunelle, and Andre Brunelle. Relatives and friends are welcome to call TODAY, Tuesday, April 12, from 5:00 pm 7:00 pm at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. His funeral service will begin on Wednesday, April 13, at 11:00 am at Newington Memorial, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 noon at St. Mary’s Church, Newington. He will be laid to rest beside Lina in Rose Hill Memorial Park with military honors. The family kindly requests that all guest wear face masks. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. To share a memory of Mr. Brunelle, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).



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Drake, Donald & Timothy Tustin

With sadness we note the passing of Donald Drake on 23 February 2022 and Tim Tustin on 6 March 2022. Please see their obituaries at Carmon Community Funeral Homes (Windsor, CT).

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Atwater, Marshall A.



Marshall Anderson Atwater, of Tolland, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2022, after a brief illness. He was born February 14, 1940 in New Haven, CT to the late Charles and Alice (Anderson) Atwater. Marshall received his BS in Meteorology at Penn State and his Masters and PhD. at New York University. He had a long career in meteorological research, energy, information technology, as well as teaching at Eastern Connecticut State University, Central Connecticut University and Manchester Community College. After retirement he wrote several books on the local history of Vernon and Tolland as well as a definitive account of the United Congregational Church of Tolland origins. He and his wife Angela (Falcetta) Atwater spent many years in Tolland as well as Vernon after their marriage. Marshall was very active in the Congregational Church serving as a deacon and as a member of various church committees.

In addition to his wife Angela, he is survived by his brother Phillip of East Hampton, his children Cynthia Atwater of Ellington, Matthew Atwater of Wethersfield with his partner Maggie Downie, and grandson Joshua Atwater-Rec of Ellington. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Barbara Falcetta-Mills, his brother-in-law Vincenzo Falcetta, and nieces and nephews, Francesca Morrell and partner Richard Cinque, Jason Falcetta and wife Paula, Catherine Albert and husband Ryan, as well as his grandnieces and grandnephew, Samantha Morrell, and Amelia and Reid Albert. He is also survived by close friends Heather (Whelton) Keaton of El Paso and Daniel Whelton of Manchester and their families. In addition to his parents Marshall was predeceased by his sister Frances Ruth Atwater. Friends and family may pay their respects on Saturday April 16, 2022 from 9am – 11am at the Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Road (RT195) Tolland, CT, with a Remembrance service at 11:30 am at the United Congregational Church of Tolland at 45 Tolland Green. Marshall will be laid to rest in Rose Hill Memorial Park at a private service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Angela and Marshall Atwater Scholarship, addressed to the ECSU Foundation, Attention Joe McGann, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St., Willimantic, CT 06226. For online condolences please visit: [www.pietrasfuneralhome.com](http://www.pietrasfuneralhome.com)

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Kemper, Diana



Diana Karen (Nappi) Kemper, 72, of Berlin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 3, 2022. Diana was the wife of her devoted husband, Jeffrey Kemper. Born in New Britain, a daughter of the late Joseph and Victoria (Caporale) Nappi. Diana was a graduate of Windsor Locks High School and then attended the University of Connecticut where she earned her degree. Diana was a Project Engineer at Semac Electric in New Britain and was a manager at several restaurants including Chilis in New Britain and Newington. DI loved golf, kayaking, exploring DC and frequent visits to Disney World, and the Newport Cliff Walk. If there were kids playing, Diana would always be with them. Squirt guns or sleds it didn’t matter. She loved her 2 rescue cats Stormy and Cloudy. Diana was adventurous and got married in a hot air balloon. She invented the annual Great Ravioli Festival to have family over to make raviolis from scratch as a way to pass along some traditions and recipes to the younger generation. She was always thinking of others, always volunteering if anyone needed help or on any community projects. She loved to bake and at Christmas would bake dozens of different cookies to give away. Diana was very strong with the Lord and prayed daily, always to help others. Her battle with cancer lasted over 3 years and she fought valiantly every day. She was a shining example of a very good person and was liked by all who met her. Always seeing the good in people. She will be dearly missed.

Besides her husband she is survived by her sister: Patricia Williams of North Carolina, her brother: Gene Nappi of South Carolina, her 2 nieces, Jennifer and Kristin and numerous cousins. Diana’s favorite charities: Heifer International (provides livestock to poor villages) World Cataract Foundation (curing cataract blindness) Wheelchair Foundation (providing wheel chairs to poor around the world) Hartford Health Care (dept. of Oncology) and St. Paul’s Catholic Church (Kensington CT) A service and burial will be announced at a later date. To send condolences and memories of Diana please visit [www.berlimemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.berlimemorialfuneralhome.com)

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Sylvestro, Kathleen Bennett



Kathleen Bennett Sylvestro 64, a life-long resident of Rocky Hill passed away peacefully after a sudden illness. Kathleen was born in Hartford, Ct to Arthur V. and Joan L. Bennett. In addition to her father she was pre-deceased by her husband of 25 years, Gregory M. Sylvestro. She is survived by her beloved sons Kevin and Christopher Sylvestro; her brother Arthur E. Bennett (Milinda), sister Amy B. DeForest (Lawrence), several nieces, a nephew and lifetime friend Cynthia Lynn. She graduated from Rocky Hill High School class of 1976, attended Hartford College for Women and Central Connecticut State University. Kathleen was employed for 30 years at SNET/AT&T and most recently at Pyramid Time. Wake and Services to be held on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at CrossRoads Church of God 146 Hudson St, Berlin, CT. Calling hours 3-5pm immediately followed by the service. The family would like to thank the staff of Autumn Lake in Cromwell for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to an animal or children’s charity of your choice.

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Levin, Harriet



Harriet Levin, age 86, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday morning, April 9, 2022. Her final days were spent surrounded by her loving family, friends and a wonderful team of healthcare aides and Middlesex Hospice nurses. Harriet was born on September 14, 1935 in Bristol, CT to William and Belle Silver. The eldest of four children, Harriet spent her childhood years paving the way for her three younger brothers - Aaron, Paul and Stephen. Harriet graduated from Bristol High School and later went on to earn her Associates Degree from Dean Junior College. She attended UConn’s School of Nursing before marrying her late husband of nearly 60 years, Jerome ‘Buzzy’ Levin, in 1957. Shortly after settling down with Buzzy in Middletown, CT, Harriet welcomed her two beloved children, Faith and Marc, into the world. Harriet and Buzzy created a beautiful life together surrounded by their adoring family and close-knit group of friends and neighbors. An active member of the local community, Harriet dedicated her time to a number of worthy causes including the Middlesex District Nurse organization, Congregation Adath Israel’s Sisterhood and the Middlesex YMCA Women’s Board where she served as President. Harriet and Buzzy retired to Naples, Florida where she accomplished her lifelong goal of becoming a Silver Life Master in bridge. Throughout her later adult years, Harriet found immense joy in traveling across Europe with Buzzy, volunteering with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, avidly following professional tennis and relishing in her prized role as the world’s greatest grandmother. Harriet was a true force who lived life according to her own terms. She will be forever missed and cherished by her children, Faith (Craig) Irwin and Marc (Judith) Levin, and grandchildren, Marissa and Billy Irwin. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 1:00PM at Congregation Adath Israel Cemetery (714 Pine Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06457). Memorial contributions may be made to the Buzzy and Harriet Levin Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (49 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06457) and Middlesex Hospital Hospice & Palliative Care (28 Crescent Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06457). To share memories or send condolences to Harriet’s family, please visit [www.doolittlefuneralservice.com](http://www.doolittlefuneralservice.com).

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Pruden, Samuel H.



Samuel H. Pruden, 85, of East Hartford, beloved husband of 51 years to the late Arlene (Sebes) Pruden (2013), passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Born in Eaton County, Michigan, the son of the late Henry and Clara (Brandt) Pruden, he grew up and lived in Charlotte, Michigan before moving to East Hartford. Sam proudly served his country in



the U. S. Army from 1954 to 1957 including one year in Korea. Upon his honorable discharge, Sam attended and graduated from Michigan State University and became a talented engineer with several patents in his name. After graduation, he moved to East Hartford and married the love of his life, Arlene. Sam had a long affiliation with East Hartford Little League where he coached for many years. His happiest times were when he was with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather and he always put the needs of his loved ones before his own. He will be dearly missed by all who were blessed to have him in their lives. Sam is survived by his children, Rob Pruden and his wife Carolyn of Enfield, Glen Pruden and his wife Laura of Lewiston, Michigan, Gary Pruden and his wife Trish of Somers, and Jennifer Cormier and her husband Mike of Burlington; ten grandchildren; a great granddaughter; a brother, Edward Pruden of Lake City, Michigan; a sister, Jean Lorraine of Lansing, Michigan, and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by three brothers (Bob, Frank, and Jim) and a sister (Louanna). The family would like to say a special thank-you to Evans Adarkwah who provided Sam with excellent care during his final years. His family will receive friends for calling hours on Thursday, April 14, 2022 from 9 – 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, East Hartford with military honors. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. For online condolences and guest book, please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)



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Stamboni, Carolyn G (Gentile)

Carolyn “Lynn” (Gentile) Stamboni, 71, of Cromwell, passed into the arms of the Lord on Saturday, April 9, 2022, in Hartford Hospital, after an extended illness. She was the beloved wife of Anthony Stamboni. Carolyn was born in Waterbury on May 6, 1950, the daughter of the late Mark L. Gentile and Rita Gentile. After graduating from Bulkeley High School, she was employed by the State of Connecticut, Dept of Health. She eventually became a full-time homemaker. Carolyn cherished her time with family celebrations and holidays, and was a devoted and loyal friend of many. She enjoyed cooking her favorite Italian specialties for everyone to enjoy. She is survived by her husband, Anthony, her son, Michael Stamboni of Cromwell, her sisters Gloria Calabrese of Waterbury and Suzanna Rich of Newington, brother Gennaro (Jerry) Palmento (Beth) of Virginia and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends may meet at Annunciation Parish (Holy Spirit) 183 Church Street, Newington on Wednesday, April 13 at 11:30am followed by a Christian burial at West Meadow Cemetery, Willard Ave, Newington. The family would like to thank the medical staff on Cb3 at Hartford Hospital for their unwavering compassion and dedication.

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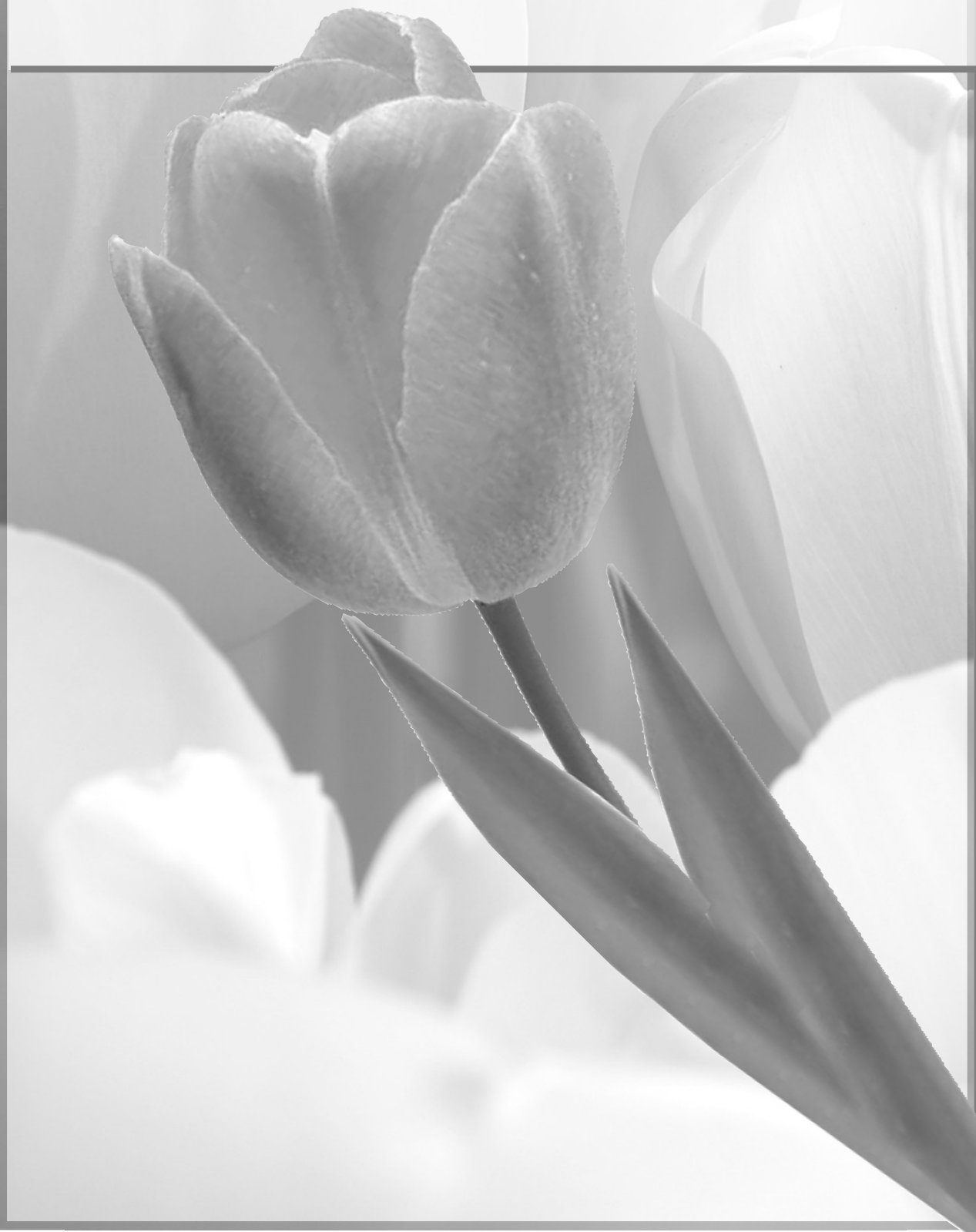
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## CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

# Slate of executive orders set to extend

Housing for homeless, vaccine status disclosure, nurses' aides requirements likely will last till July

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — At a time when some thought that Gov. Ned Lamont's executive orders were a thing of the past, the state legislature is poised to extend three of the original orders that will expire this Friday.

The orders have already been codified into law, and the legisla-

ture will be voting on short-term extensions of those laws until June 30.

**Why are the extensions needed?** While the number of hospitalizations and infections have dropped sharply from the peak, the COVID pandemic is not over.

The most high-profile reminders that the pandemic continues is that it has reached the state's top

leaders.

Gov. Ned Lamont tested positive last week, while Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz tested positive Sunday from a rapid self-test.

"She is feeling well," said Adam Joseph, Bysiewicz's chief of staff. "Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz will isolate at home for the next five days, and will not be attending any in-person events this week."

Lamont has been holding press conferences via Zoom, rather than in-person.

"I tested negative today, which is great," Lamont told reporters

Monday. "Susan was not happy that she tested positive first thing this morning. There is community spread. ... That said, we're vaccinated. We're not going to the hospital. ... I hope we're done with this in the next month or so, but time will tell."

Lamont added, "Today, I think I'm 98%. Some of you may doubt that." He said he would start making public appearances "probably in the next couple of days."

These are the three executive orders, codified as short-term laws, that are being extended:

**Housing for the homeless:** One of the three extensions would authorize the state to continue providing non-congregate housing to the homeless and other at-risk residents so that they are not placed into close quarters in bunk beds in shelters that can easily lead to the spread of COVID-19. The state has already received millions from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, known as FEMA, to carry out the program. The funding provides for housing to allow people in need

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## ELECTION 2022

# Donors go big as campaign ramps up

A look at the players behind \$1M pledged to anti-Lamont PAC

By Mark Pazniokas  
CT Mirror

CT Truth PAC, the independent-expenditure group supporting Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski with television and web ads attacking Gov. Ned Lamont, reported Sunday it has spent about \$300,000 of the \$1 million provided by two wealthy businessmen.

Formed in February with an initial contribution of \$500,000 from David Kelsey of Old Lyme, the super PAC collected another \$500,000 last month from Thomas E. McInerney of Westport, according to the campaign finance report filed Sunday with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

McInerney is the co-founder and CEO of Bluff Point Associates, a private equity investment firm. He contributed \$100,000 in 2018 to FixCT, the super PAC that supported Steve Obsitnik, a GOP gubernatorial candidate who later paid \$90,000 to SEEC to settle allegations of illegal coordination.

State law prohibits direct contributions of more than \$3,500 to a gubernatorial campaign and \$10,000 to a state party, but there is no limit on contributions to independent groups known as super PACs — so long as they do not coordinate their activities with candidates they are supporting.

The only other contributor to CT Truth PAC before the close of the campaign finance reporting period on March 31 was Matthew Sharp, a co-founder with Kelsey at Hamilton Point Investments. Sharp contributed \$25,000.

The super PAC's advertising

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Four Dads Pub in downtown Hartford serves sandwiches, wings, pizza, mac and cheese and other comfort foods. **SUSAN DUNNE PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

# Four Dads happy to be a part of downtown revival

Granby expansion brings 'neighborhood block party'-style pub to Hartford

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Four fathers — Mike Garbeck, Dante Boffi, Eugene Smythe and Mario Fino — opened Four Dads Pub in Granby in 2020. It was so popular it attracted property owners who wanted Four Dads on their turf too.

"We've had a lot of interested parties come and ask us if we would

take a look at their site," Boffi says.

The dads held off opening another location until they found one in the middle of downtown Hartford. Four Dads Pub opened its doors in March at 114 Asylum St., where Artichoke Basille's Pizza used to be.

"There are a lot of awesome restaurants in the area, Trumbull Kitchen, Max Downtown, Salute, Vaughan's. Our little rock-and-roll

gastro pub gives people an alternative," Boffi says. More locations are planned, but for now the dads are enjoying their new space.

"It's bigger than Granby but not too big. We thought it was a nice fit," he says.

There's nothing fancy about Four Dads. On a recent weekday lunch hour, the restaurant was filled with people eating sandwiches, wings, pizza, salads, mac and cheese,

nachos and other comfort foods. A large bar in the center of the dining room has ample seating. There are high-top tables and stools at the edges of the dining room. The bar was most popular, though, as it encourages socializing.

"We created this pub based on the types of places we would go to when we were kids with our dads

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**"Having been a young person moving to Connecticut in the mid- to late-'90s, when Hartford was a vibrant community to go out in ... I have nothing but fond memories of ventures into Hartford."**

— Dante Boffi, co-owner of Four Dads Pub in downtown Hartford

# Jury told of alleged death pact

Prosecution details killings of wife, kids as Todt murder trial begins: 'Everybody needed to die'

By Monivette Cordeiro  
Orlando Sentinel

Anthony Todt's youngest child was the first to die, Assistant State Attorney Danielle Pinnell told jurors Monday morning.

"The defendant ... went into Zoe Todt's room while she was asleep," Pinnell said. "He took the time to sit with her and then he rolled over on top of her until she suffocated."

In a confession that jurors will hear during his trial, Todt told detectives he next went to the boys' bedroom, where his eldest son was sleeping, Pinnell said during her opening statement. After suffocating and stabbing Alesh, Todt went to the playroom where 11-year-old Tyler was sleeping on a sofa.

"The defendant was more concerned about Tyler Todt because Tyler was the fastest," the prosecutor said. "He was afraid that if something didn't go the way that he wanted, Tyler would escape."

Todt shook his head as Pinnell described his interrogation by law enforcement, in which Todt confessed to killing 4-year-old Zoe; his two sons Alek, 13, and Tyler; then his wife 42-year-old Megan Todt and the family dog Breezy at their Celebration, Fla., home.

After he was found living with the decomposing bodies of his wife, children and dog and arrested in January 2020, Anthony Todt told detectives he and his wife had an agreement to kill their family, prosecutors said.

"Everybody needed to die in order to pass over to the other side together because the apocalypse was coming," Pinnell told jurors at the Osceola County Courthouse.

Todt, a 46-year-old Connecticut physical therapist, is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of animal cruelty in the 2020 killings of his wife, kids and pet.

He has pleaded not guilty.



Anthony Todt reacts as photos of the bodies of his family are displayed during the first day of his trial at the Osceola County Courthouse in Florida on Monday. **RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ORLANDO SENTINEL**

Jurors, who were sworn in last week, did not hear from Todt's defense before testimony began Monday.

Orange-Osceola Public Defender Robert Wesley told Circuit Judge

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# Bysiewicz positive for COVID-19, staffer says

Lt. gov.'s announcement comes days after Lamont's

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Four days after the governor announced that he has the coronavirus, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz also has tested positive, according to her chief of staff.

"On Sunday, Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz took a regularly-scheduled COVID-19 rapid self-test which showed a positive result," chief of staff Adam Joseph said in a news release Monday morning. "She took a PCR test this morning and is awaiting the results. Our office will be conducting contact tracing this morning to identify and inform close contacts over the last five days."

Bysiewicz is feeling well, Joseph said. She will isolate at home for the next five days in accordance

with CDC guidance.

He said the lieutenant governor advises anyone who is eligible to receive their booster shots.

"Lt. Governor Bysiewicz was scheduled to receive her second booster shot later this week. She encourages all residents to get vaccinated and receive their initial or second booster shoot when eligible to protect themselves, their loved ones and our greater Connecticut community."

Gov. Ned Lamont announced that he tested positive Thursday. He has no symptoms, he said. Lamont had just received his second booster shot the week before.

He tweeted shortly after the news was released Thursday. "I wanted you to hear straight from

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Hartford man faces sex assault, cruelty charges

Police say woman was beaten multiple times at New Britain motel

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

A Hartford man is set to appear in court this week after what New Britain police say was a brutal night of repeated beatings and sexual assaults on a woman in their city. Alvin Y. Abreu, 39, of Allen Place was charged with first-degree sexual assault, second-degree assault, first-degree unlawful

restraint and intentional cruelty to persons on March 29. Police say the attacks happened in the overnight hours of March 24-25. Abreu's other charges are disorderly conduct and second-degree larceny. He is in custody on \$525,000 bail at the Hartford Correctional Center and is due in Superior Court in New Britain Wednesday. His lawyer couldn't be reached for comment Friday. According to the arrest warrant affidavit, the woman called Abreu from Hartford to get help from his son with a cellphone app. Abreu arrived with a woman she didn't

know and his son, who helped her as the four sat in a car. The four then drove to New Britain, ending up at the Red Roof Inn. The woman and Abreu's son left. Abreu got a room and the two began eating and drinking alcohol. He started accusing her of seeing other people. The woman told police he then began verbally abusing her, saying he wanted to kill her and that she was "nothing but garbage." He also threw food and beer around the room, the warrant says. Abreu grabbed her by the hair, threw her to the floor and began

dragging her across the floor while kicking and punching her, the warrant says. He also removed her clothes and sexually assaulted her even though she said no, it says. He continued to verbally and physically abuse and assault her throughout the night, in addition to trying to gain access to her cellphone, which required a password, the warrant says. She told investigators the attacks didn't stop until the morning when she told him she had to go to work. She left the room and asked the front desk employee to call the police, according to the warrant.

Abreu came down to the front desk and told the woman at the front desk that she can "call the cops all you want. I hit her on purpose, she deserved it," the warrant says. He then left. When police arrived, they saw that the victim's injuries were consistent with her being "punched/hit with strong force multiple times" and "dragged across a hard surface," the warrant says. They also found blood in the room, it says. Christine Dempsey can be reached at cdempsey@courant.com.

HARTFORD

2 injured in separate weekend shootings

Hartford police are investigating a second shooting in 24 hours after a man in his 40s was wounded Sunday night. Officers were sent to the area of 898 Park St., shortly after 8 p.m. and found the injured man, police said. He was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. Shortly before 8:30 p.m. Saturday, police were called to Blue Hills Avenue, a neighborhood to the north, and found a woman in her 50s suffering from a gunshot wound, police said. The woman, who was alert, was not believed to be the intended target. Police continue to investigate both shootings. Anyone with information is asked to call 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

— Christine Dempsey

University of New Haven student dies in crash

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

A University of New Haven student is dead and a graduate seriously injured after a pre-dawn crash in the city on Saturday, authorities said. Raymond Rolle, 21, who was living in West Haven, was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital where he died after the one-car crash, police said. The driver, who police identified only as a 26-year-old West Haven man, was taken to Bridgeport Hospital to be treated for life-threatening injuries. He was listed in stable condition, according to police. The university identified him as Kenu Adderley, a member of the class of 2020 who obtained his master of science at the university last year.

In a note posted on the university's website Saturday, Ophelia Rowe-Allen, dean of students, said Rolle was a computer engineering major in the class of 2022. The international student was a native of the Bahamas and was active in the university's TEDx (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Club. Rolle's adviser, Christopher Martinez, associate professor of computer engineering, said Raymond was passionate about his studies and great to have in class. "This is going to be very hard for his professors and classmates," Martinez said. "He was so kind-hearted, and he got along with everyone." Martinez said Rolle was a hard worker who could regularly be seen in the lab on weekends work-

ing on his project for his junior design experience class. "The last time I saw him, he was talking about applying for internships and grad school," he said. "He had a great deal of potential." University president Steven H. Kaplan said, "I am heartbroken for Raymond's parents, his family, friends, and professors. The death of someone so young with so much potential is a horrific tragedy and an unspeakable loss." He noted the extra effort Rolle had to make to get to the University of New Haven. "As an international student, he showed great dedication in coming to the United States to pursue his most lofty goals and aspirations," Kaplan said. "I hope that Raymond's loved ones are able to find some comfort in the memories they have of him."

Kaplan said his thoughts and prayers also go out to the surviving student and his family and friends. According to police, officers were called to the scene of the crash on College Avenue between College and Liberty streets about 3:30 a.m. Police said Rolle was in the passenger seat of the black Chevrolet Cruz when it struck a tree. Anyone who has information about the crash and has not spoken to police is asked to call 203-946-6316 or the anonymous tip line at 1-866-888-8477 (TIPS). Anonymous tips also may be texted by writing "NHPD," plus your message, to 274637 (CRIMES). Christine Dempsey can be reached at cdempsey@courant.com.

Police: Woman killed, man hurt in Waterbury shooting

By Taylor Hartz  
Hartford Courant

A 56-year-old woman was shot in her home and one man suffered a leg injury walking nearby in a shooting incident in Waterbury this weekend, police said.. Police responded to a report of gunshots in the area of Walnut Street and Orange Street at about 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. When they arrived in the neighborhood, someone told them that a member of their family had been struck by a bullet while inside their home at 51 Walnut Street, according to the Waterbury Police Department. Inside, police found Mabel Martinez Antongiorgi on the floor suffering from a head injury, police said. Mabel Martinez was the mother of Yarimar Mercado Martinez, a rifle shooter on the Puerto Rico Olympic team who competed in the summer Olympics last year and in 2016, according to the Asso-

ciated Press. Mercado Martinez, 27, expressed her anguish in social media postings. The elder Martinez was taken by ambulance to Saint Mary's Hospital where she was considered to be in critical condition, police said. According to police, Martinez was pronounced dead at the hospital Sunday night. Shortly after she was rushed to the hospital Saturday afternoon, a man walked into the Saint Mary's emergency room at 2:08 p.m. and said he'd been shot. The 35-year-old was dropped off at the hospital with a gunshot wound to his leg. He told police he had been walking in the area of Walnut Street and Orange Street when he was struck by a bullet. According to police, he was treated for non-life threatening injuries and was released. Investigators believe both people were shot in the same incident and don't think the woman was the intended target, police said.

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Keith Carsten the defense would be deferring its opening statement, meaning Todt's attorneys will wait to present theirs until after the state rests its case. Pinnell in her opening said Todt told detectives that after he suffocated and stabbed Tyler, he suffocated Breezy. Todt claimed his wife stabbed herself in the abdomen, she said. "The defendant told law enforcement that Megan did that to herself, and as best as she tried, that didn't work," Pinnell said. "And so the defendant took a pillow and suffocated Megan Todt as well." Jurors later heard from deputies with the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, who tried to reach the Todts at their Reserve Place home after relatives said they hadn't heard from the family since Dec. 26. "I'm wondering if somebody can do a wellness check on my brother and his family," Todt's sister, Chrissy Caplet, told dispatchers on an audio recording played for jurors. "They've been really sick for probably like the past week and a half, and I can't seem to get a hold of them." Authorities discovered Todt's slain family Jan. 13, 2020, while serving a warrant to arrest him on federal health care fraud charges

related to his Connecticut physical therapy business. Osceola deputies and FBI agents who swarmed the home on Reserve Place found the door unlocked and smelled a foul order. Body camera footage played for jurors showed deputies speaking to Todt, who told them his wife was sleeping and yelled out, "Megan!" Michael Phelps, a federal law enforcement officer, told jurors authorities found the bodies of Todt's wife, children and dog wrapped in blankets in the master bedroom. "The bodies were discolored — black and blue," he said. During cross-examination, Assistant Public Defender Azalia Carliz Romero-Sanchez asked Phelps if Todt was shaking and mumbling during his initial encounter with law enforcement. "Yes, some of the things he was saying weren't coming out clearly," he said. After his arrest, Todt was involuntarily committed under Florida's Baker Act because authorities said he made comments about harming himself and said he had ingested Benadryl pills. Carsten has ruled that Todt's jurors will not learn of his commitment during the trial. The victims had stab wounds and toxic amounts of Benadryl in their bodies, according to autopsy reports. Investigators said they were

killed weeks before their bodies were discovered. As prosecutors showed photos of the victims covered in blankets and clutching rosaries in their hands, Todt appeared to be wiping tears from his eyes. Emily Seda, a forensics supervisor at the Sheriff's Office, told jurors she processed the crime scene and found empty bottles and boxes of Benadryl and its generic equivalent scattered throughout the house and in the trash. Seda testified she processed fingerprints on those items, as well as two knives found in the bedroom. Erin West, a crime scene manager, said fingerprints on the Benadryl boxes matched Todt's. West told jurors some other print results were "inconclusive," though she could not exclude Todt. Romero-Sanchez asked West during cross-examination if Megan Todt's fingerprints had been compared to any of the prints found. "I did not compare Megan Todt to any of the exhibits," West said. Although Todt initially confessed to the killings, he has since blamed his wife for the slayings in jailhouse writings. Todt claimed she took her life after poisoning the children with a tainted dessert and stabbing them in their sleep. Witness testimony will resume Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.

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me that I tested positive for COVID-19 today. I feel good, and I'm not experiencing any symptoms. We've done contact tracing to let people know. Thankfully, I'm double boosted, and I encourage everyone to get your vaccine and boosters if eligible." With the BA.2 subvariant spreading, the number of people testing positive has been increasing nationally, including among well-known Washington lawmakers like Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as lawmakers in Connecticut. Since the start of April,

Connecticut saw an increase in its COVID-19 positivity rate and its count of patients hospitalized with the disease. As of Thursday, the state's positivity rate was at its highest level since mid-February, though that number is likely skewed by recent changes in how the state's data is reported. Hospitalizations are up 57% since Monday and at their highest level since mid-March. Individual COVID-19 cases have risen slightly as well and are likely undercounted due to the prevalence of at-home tests, whose results are not reported to the state. Christine Dempsey can be reached at cdempsey@courant.com.

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of housing to be spaced apart and thus at lower risk of contracting and spreading the virus. The state health commissioner, public safety commissioner and budget director are key players in arranging the housing and seeking reimbursement from the federal government.

**Vaccination information:** Another extension would allow the state's public health department to disclose a person's vaccination status to school nurses, local health directors and others as some residents have lost their vaccination cards. "This order permits health care providers to properly administer booster shots by making a person's vaccine information readily available even if the person has misplaced their original vaccination card," according to a summary sent to legislators. "It also permits school nurses and local health directors to

access a person's vaccination status to properly respond to any COVID outbreaks within their jurisdiction." House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford said Republicans want to make sure that access to the vaccination database is restricted. "That could draw some 'no' votes because there are general concerns to make sure that it's limited to health care providers — like nurses and doctors — versus health districts," Candelora said in an interview. "If I went and got my vaccine at Walgreens, my doctor's office doesn't necessarily have a record of that. It would enable these third-party providers to have access to verify whether or not I've been vaccinated. ... I don't believe the health districts should need access to that information. I do think it's helpful for doctors' offices to be able to verify so they're not double-vaccinating people." **Nurses aides:** A third extension allows officials to suspend various requirements for temporary nurses' aides and allow them to keep prac-

ticing their profession because their skills are in high demand at nursing homes and other facilities. The order allows the state public health commissioner "to adopt, amend, implement, suspend, and revoke training, competency, scope of practice and temporary hiring policies concerning temporary nurse aides and grant a registration to an individual as a temporary nurse aide who complies with the policies adopted," a summary states. Lamont said in his original order that the nurse's aide program is "successful in providing critically needed health care services and addressing statewide health care resource constraints, while also demonstrating the potential of an additional workforce development pipeline into traditional licensed health care professions."

**When will this happen?** The House is scheduled to vote Wednesday, and the Senate is also expected to vote this week.

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11 chefs from across state vying for top dog

Boiled or charred, beef or pork: Hot Dog Heroes in West Hartford will determine tastiest creation

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Eleven chefs from throughout Connecticut will gather in a parking lot in West Hartford Center on April 20 for the Hot Dog Heroes challenge. But the losing chefs have more at stake than just their pride. The three lowest-scoring chefs will be forced to get a hot dog tattoo.

Dante Paul Cistulli, owner of Zephyr’s Street Pizza, 968 Farmington Ave., will welcome 10 of his friends to his restaurant, and each chef will do his or her best to cook the tastiest hot dog. After the judging, the losers pay up.  
“The rest of us can get tattooed if we want. More than likely most of us will do it,” Cistulli said.  
Ticket holders will judge who

created the top dog: “Guests come and get a pair of voting beads. They can sample each chef’s hot dog. They adorn the chefs whose hot dogs they like the best with their beads. At the end, we count up the beads and get the popular vote. The second round of voting will be among the chefs. Each chef has to vote, but not for himself. The winner will get the Hot Dog Hero trophy.”  
The chef’s creativity extends to the hot dog, the bun and the toppings.

“They can boil, fry, char it. They can make their own hot dogs, fish instead of beef or pork, or whatever. The accoutrements, the bun, it’s all up to them,” Cistulli said.  
The chefs, along with Cistulli, are Ashley Flagg from Millwrights in Simsbury; Mo Major and Xavier Santiago from The Place 2 Be in Hartford and West Hartford; Bobroy Wheaton from Four Dads Pub in Granby; Tom Kaldy from The Charles in Wethersfield; Corey Cistulli (Dante Cistulli’s cousin) from Farmington Polo Club; Renee

Touponce from Oyster Club in Mystic; Ethan Czarneski from Present Company in Tarriffville; and Doug Kelly from Max Burger in West Hartford.  
Live music will be provided by Mind Goblin. The event will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 on site. They entitle the holder to tastings of all 11 hot dogs and voting. Tickets are sold at zstreetpizza.com.  
  
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Art in dumpster leads to windfall

Abstract works found by Waterbury mechanic said to be worth millions

Associated Press

WATERBURY — A trove of paintings and other artwork found in an abandoned barn has turned out to be worth millions.  
Notified by a contractor, Waterbury auto mechanic Jared Whipple retrieved the dirt-covered pieces in 2017 from a dumpster containing materials from a barn in Watertown. Whipple later found out they were by Francis Hines, an abstract expressionist who died in 2016 at 96 and had kept his work stored in the barn, Hearst Connecticut Media Group reported.  
Hines was renowned for his “wrapping” pieces, in which fabric is wrapped around an object. His art has been compared to that of Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who became famous for wrapping installations around Europe, including the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.  
Hines wrapped more than 10 buildings in New York including the Washington Square Arch, JFK Airport and the Port Authority Bus Terminal, art curator and historian Peter Hastings Falk told the news outlet.  
The hundreds of pieces of art retrieved by Whipple included paintings, sculptures and small drawings. Hastings Falk estimated the “wrapped” paintings can be sold at around \$22,000 apiece and his drawings at around \$4,500.  
Whipple showed some of the pieces at a gallery in Waterbury last year, and recently decided to sell some of the art. He is collaborating with Hollis Taggart, a New York City-based gallery, on exhibits in New York and Connecticut in shows beginning next month.  
Since finding the treasure trove, Whipple has researched Hines’ work and contacted the artist’s family, who, he said, have allowed him to keep and sell the art.  
“I pulled it out of this dumpster and I fell in love with it,” Whipple told the news outlet. “I made a connection with it. My purpose is to get Hines into the history books.”



Four Dads Pub serves pizzas whole and by the slice and features classic-rock inspired menu names. SUSAN DUNNE PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Pub

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and moms and friends, where we would come after a Little League game or before or after a show, or when we were older, for a night out for happy hour. It’s a neighborhood joint,” Boffi says. “It’s like, come into our man cave or our neighborhood block party.”  
The décor is sparse and music-oriented. Guitars hang from the walls, as do a few classic concert posters, including KISS at Dillon Stadium. The mini-fridges look like Marshall amplifiers. Five TVs show a variety of shows: cartoons, movies, sports, news.  
Many menu names are classic-rock themed. “Insalata-da-Vida” is a salad with chicken and balsamic-mustard dressing on a plate made of Parmesan-crustured dough. “Bobby McGee” is a white pizza with chicken. “Rock-n-Styx” is buffalo chicken and blue cheese wrapped in wonton. “Meatallica” is a meatball grinder. Pizzas are available whole or by the slice.

A kids’ menu is available, as are weekly family specials.  
The music piped in to the eatery is “primarily metal, but early metal, MTV-generation music, Motley Crue, AC/DC, big-hair stuff, but we’ll mix in other stuff, Southern rock, late ’70s progressive music,” Boffi says. Live music will be available some nights.  
Boffi is happy his new location is in the heart of the city.  
“Having been a young person moving to Connecticut in the mid- to late-’90s, when Hartford was a vibrant community to go out in, restaurants, clubs, theater, I have nothing but fond memories of ventures into Hartford,” he says. “A lot of people are spending a lot of time and money to give Hartford the renaissance it deserves. We are happy to be a small part of that.”  
Four Dads Pub, 114 Asylum St., is open Monday and Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.

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Four Dads Pub in downtown Hartford is located in the old Artichoke Basille’s Pizza location on Asylum Street.

‘End of an era’: Angellino’s restaurant in Vernon closes

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Angellino’s, the Italian restaurant at 346 Kelly Road in Vernon that opened in 1999, closed for good over the weekend.  
The landlord, Victor Antico of Antico Management, confirmed the restaurant’s closure in a phone call Monday. Antico, who also is the landlord of the Holiday Inn Express next door, said a new tenant will open there in several

months.  
“There’s going to be a major renovation. They’re putting in about a half a million dollars into revamping, putting in an outdoor patio, new everything, a second bar,” Antico said. “It’s going to be a tavern-style restaurant.”  
Angellino’s patrons gathered on social media to mourn the restaurant’s passing. On its Facebook page, the restaurant posted a farewell:  
“The End of an Era. To all of

our family and friends and our loyal customers that we have met over the last 22 years, it’s been a wonderful journey.  
“Thank you to every person who came here and to me you are all my friends. We have been here for proposals, showers, rehearsal dinners, weddings, anniversaries, funerals, elections and more. I hope you will fondly remember all the wonderful and crazy fun times here and yet some sad ones over the years.

“Many wonderful people have passed that I knew from coming here and they will always carry a special place in my heart. It was a hell of a good run and I thank you all and love you for making myself and my wonderful staff feel so special. I’ll miss you and eating at Angellino’s”  
A message left with Angellino’s was not immediately returned.  
  
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Brazilian music stars to perform at Trinity’s Samba Fest

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Trinity College will host the 14th Samba Fest on April 23, with a lineup of guest artists from Brazil and other musicians entertaining the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the campus’ Jacobs Life Sciences Center Quad at 240 New Britain Ave. in Hartford.  
“Samba Fest is a way to pay tribute to the many communities represented throughout Greater Hartford, celebrating Hartford as a dynamic Caribbean-influenced city,” said Eric Galm, professor of

music and ethnomusicology and co-director of the Center for Caribbean Studies at Trinity College, who founded and runs Samba Fest.  
Among the star performers are Latin Grammy Award-winning guitarist and composer Yamandu Costa, bandoneón player Richard Scofano and percussionist Serginho Silva and his ensemble.  
Other performers on April 23 are the Trinity Samba Ensemble with José Paulo, Trinity Steel, African-inspired drumming and dancing with Friendz World Music, Hartford’s Proud Drill Drum & Dance Corp, and Wilby High School from

Waterbury.  
“This year’s Samba Fest will present musicians who make you think in totally different ways about how people approach a musical instrument,” Galm said.  
The public will be invited to participate as well. Silva will hold free drumming workshops on April 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Hartford’s Park Street Library @ the Lyric, 603 Park St.  
Other workshops will be held on the day of the fest, including dance workshops with Capoeira Esperança and a “Big Bang” community drumming encounter, beginning

with an open rehearsal at 11:30 a.m. and a drumming celebration from noon to 12:30 p.m. Buckets and sticks will be available but those who have their own are encouraged to bring them.  
Community drumming presentations featuring Hartford’s Proud Drill Drum & Dance Corp, Wilby High School in Waterbury, will be from 11 to 11:30 a.m.  
The fest also will include family-friendly activities, crafts, games and food trucks.  
Admission is free. For directions, parking info and details go to sambafest.com.



Brazilian guitarist and composer Yamandu Costa will perform at Trinity College’s Samba Fest. RODRIGO LOPES/COURTESY

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# Gillian Jacobs isn't limiting vision of herself

Besides roles in TV, films, she takes seat in director's chair

By Joshua Axelrod  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Gillian Jacobs' latest trio of projects are excellent examples of what living your best professional life looks like.

You can catch the 39-year-old Pittsburgh-area native as Chris Riley on HBO's "Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty"; in movie theaters opposite Chris Pine in the action-thriller "The Contractor"; and on Disney+, where her documentary feature directorial debut, "More Than Robots," has been available since last month.

She may have risen to fame playing the notoriously inept Britta Perry on the NBC sitcom "Community," but nobody can accuse her of Britta-ing her clearly thriving career.

"I feel like I'm able to pursue all these different avenues, whether it's directing documentaries or acting on a television show or being in different types of films than people might expect to see me in," Jacobs said. "I feel like I'm having a great time. I'm trying not to limit my own vision of myself."

Jacobs got an early start in Pittsburgh theater. She trained in acting and performed on local stages from elementary school on, at one point crossing paths with future "Community" writer Steve Basilone at a Pittsburgh Playhouse acting class.

"Community" was her big break. Sure, she played a character whose name was used to describe making something fun seem decidedly uncool. But as she put it, the fact fans are still



Gillian Jacobs' documentary feature directorial debut, "More than Robots," follows students in the FIRST Robotics Competition. CHRIS DELMAS/GETTY-AFP 2021

talking about a show that began in 2009 "means something went right."

"You just think something's a throwaway joke in one episode of a show," she said of Britta becoming a verb. "It's amazing to me. All of it is a testament to how much the show resonated with people, how closely people paid attention to the episodes, how they grabbed onto lines that we loved on set but had no idea people would still be repeating this many years later."

Since "Community" ended in 2015, Jacobs has shown up everywhere from a guest spot on HBO's

"Girls" to a starring role in the Netflix series "Love" to the 2016 film "Don't Think Twice" about a New York City improv troupe. She's back on HBO these days with "Winning Time," where she spends most of her screen time playing the supportive wife of Adrien Brody's Pat Riley, the legendary NBA coach and executive.

She admitted not knowing much about the NBA going into "Winning Time," but she has a reasonable excuse for that: "We don't have a basketball team in Pittsburgh."

"More Than Robots" came about as a result of the "The Queen of Code,"

a 2015 documentary short about computer scientist Grace Hopper that Jacobs directed for FiveThirtyEight's "Signals" series. That was her introduction to the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, which led her to more interviews in STEM and her discovery of the FIRST Robotics Competition, where high school students worldwide compete annually.

What struck her most about FIRST was "how kind and compassionate" everyone was. Each team is tasked with building a robot capable of holding its own against other such creations in what is essentially an

entirely new sport. For Jacobs, though, that aspect wasn't as enticing as how much FIRST emphasizes teamwork, relationship-building and giving back to the community.

That last point became even more of the documentary's focus when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the 2020 FIRST season. Jacobs realized the real story was how the students reacted to such unprecedented adversity.

"The amazing thing to watch happen was that the kids started responding to the pandemic in a multitude of ways, just trying to use their skills and knowhow to help out their

communities," she said. "It was incredible to witness them spontaneously doing that."

Jacobs appreciated how the students she interviewed would "smile very patiently at me" as they explained concepts that were mostly going over her head. That said, she left "More Than Robots" feeling like "I would've been into" FIRST if she had known about it as a kid. It "kind of gives me chills" to think about children watching that documentary — especially young women — and feeling inspired enough to give FIRST a shot, Jacobs said.

In "The Contractor," she plays Brianne, the wife of Chris Pine's recently discharged Army sergeant who takes a private contracting job that doesn't go as planned. It was filmed in 2019, and Jacobs was particularly excited for it to hit theaters after another movie she appeared in, 2020's "I Used to Go Here," had its big-screen ambitions derailed by the pandemic.

Most of her scenes are with Pine, who she had been a fan of for quite a while. "He's really smart, cool, and he's such a good actor," Jacobs said. "I think he made me better, and I had a great time."

It doesn't appear that Jacobs will be slowing down any time soon. She has three projects on the horizon: the Netflix series "Transatlantic," the romantic comedy "Any Other Night" and the film "The Seven Faces of Jane," where she plays the same character in multiple vignettes shot by different directors. Jacobs said it was a "true challenge for me as an actor" to maintain a consistent performance across so many styles, genres and tones.

## CELEBRITIES

### Lopez posts 'special story,' a ring

From news services

Jennifer Lopez has an engagement ring on her finger, and Ben Affleck may be the one who put it there.

"So, I have a really exciting and special story to share," a giggling Lopez said in a video posted Friday on her Twitter feed. She said more could be found on the website for her "inner circle," OnTheJLo.com, which requires visitors to sign up.

A video posted there showed an emotional Lopez gazing at the left-hand ring, which held a large green gem that matched her tank top. Lopez's representatives declined to confirm an engagement, directing inquiries to the actor-singer's online post. A representative for Affleck didn't respond to a request for comment Saturday.

Lopez and Affleck rekindled their romance 17 years after they broke off their engagement in 2004. The pair went public with their reunion last year.

**'Today' stars to perform theatrical reading:** NBC News is branching out from covering top stories to performing a theatrical reading.

"Today" show hosts Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb will be among the readers of "Murder in Studio One," planned to be read before an audience on April 27 and released later on a podcast through Audible, Inc. Al Roker, Craig Melvin and Jenna Bush Hager will also be among the dozen NBC News hosts performing, it was announced on Monday.

**White marries musician Jean at show:** Jack White surprised fans by marrying musician Olivia Jean on stage during his Detroit homecoming show Friday. The Detroit-born singer, songwriter and producer



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, seen Feb. 8, announced they were back together last year. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

invited Jean onstage to join his performance and introduced her as his girlfriend.

White asked her to marry him during a rendition of the song "Hotel Yorba," right before the lyric "let's get married."

Jean, a fellow Detroit native, teared up and said, "yes," the Detroit Free Press reported. White then carried her off stage. The two later reemerged for an encore and married in an onstage ceremony officiated by Ben Swank, a co-founder of White's record label.

**'Sonic 2' steals box office:** "Sonic the Hedgehog 2" sped to the top of the charts in its opening weekend, earning an impressive \$71 million according to studio estimates Sunday.

The first "Sonic the Hedgehog" from Paramount opened over the Presidents Day holiday weekend in February 2020, earning \$58 million in its

first three days.

"The normal pattern domestically is that sequels slide a little bit," said Chris Aronson, the president of domestic distribution for Paramount. "But we certainly bucked that trend." For a sequel to open 22% above the first is "quite remarkable."

Meanwhile, Michael Bay's "Ambulance" got off to a bumpy start in its first weekend. With an estimated \$8.7 million in grosses, the film opened behind "Morbidity" and "The Lost City."

**April 12 birthdays:** Musician Herbie Hancock is 82. Actor Ed O'Neill is 76. Actor Dan Lauria is 75. TV host David Letterman is 75. Actor Andy Garcia is 66. Singer Vince Gill is 65. TV personality J Alexander is 64. Actor Retta is 52. Actor Shannen Doherty is 51. Actor Claire Danes is 43. Actor Matt McGorry is 36. Actor Saoirse Ronan is 28.



## ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson  
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### Stepmom's cooking help leaves out the 'love'

**Dear Amy:** My stepdaughter, "Serena," and her husband, "Ned," have two small children, ages 2 and 4. They also both have demanding, stressful jobs.

During the pandemic, in order to help out, I offered to cook dinner four nights a week for her family.

Serena very much appreciates my help and almost always enjoys what I cook — soup, chili, meatloaf, spaghetti sauce, stews, chicken enchiladas and the like. All dishes that transport easily.

The problem is that Ned does not like onions. I put onions in almost every entree I prepare!

His mother apparently catered to this aversion and never used onions in her cooking. Of course, I could leave out the onions in the portions I give her family, but Sarah wouldn't find the dishes so palatable.

In addition, their two children might develop the same aversion, so omitting onions would only perpetuate the problem.

Do you have any words of wisdom?

— Bay Area Stepmom Cook

**Dear Cook:** My basic reaction is — if this is you "helping out," then I wonder what service you would perform if you were deliberately trying to disrespect someone.

I think it's unkind to deliberately provide someone a food containing an ingredient that you know they have an adverse reaction to (or simply don't eat), with no option on their part to remove the ingredient.

Onions can make some people ill. They tend to add

a strong flavor to foods, and so if you merely hate the taste of onions, it's not like you can just eat around them.

It would be kindest to leave them out of your cooked foods — or include two versions of these dishes. Every time your son-in-law witnessed this thoughtfulness, he would think: "She remembered me!"

You don't want someone's aversion to control your cooking, but another way to look at it is — if you did recognize this man's challenge and did your best to work around it — you'd be demonstrating to this family that you are performing an act of service as a way to convey your love and respect for each of them, not just for the onion-eaters.

**Dear Amy:** I've had a girlfriend of 13 years, but I am wondering if I should break up with her.

We are both in our late-30s and have lived together for about two years (the rest of the time we lived on different continents).

Because of some cultural differences, we can't get married or disclose our relationship to our friends and family.

I am wondering about this because I have recently met someone from my own culture (she likes me, and we would be able to get married and live openly).

I feel ashamed of my feelings for this new girl (I haven't cheated on my girlfriend, but I have hidden my relationship with this new person).

I think that I should break up to make it easier for my girlfriend to find

someone else, but I also think that I am creating issues for no reason.

I'd really appreciate your advice.

— Torn

**Dear Torn:** I'm trying to imagine the circumstances that would require you essentially living a completely secret life. I assume that maintaining this secret requires that you and your girlfriend consistently lie to your family, friends and colleagues.

I assume your love for each other is strong, but — because of your current misgivings — you should have a frank conversation about the reality of your situation, and whether this is the best way for you both to live.

I cannot tell you to break up. It is obviously time for you to consider all the consequences of staying together, especially if you want to have children.

**Dear Amy:** Regarding the recent conversation in your column about Barbies.

I have loved Barbies since I was a kid. I would invent stories, with lots of pretend play.

When my own daughter was little, I hesitated. But she wanted one so bad!

Her first Barbie was a Dr. Barbie.

Guess who's starting medical school in August 2022?

— Proud Mom

**Dear Proud:** I love it!

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# McCready polishes up the Rockfords album

'90s band's debut released in digital formats for 1st time

By Michael Rietmulder  
The Seattle Times

As one of the first big bands to suspend its tour plans, Pearl Jam's packed schedule abruptly cleared when the pandemic hit in 2020.

Come May, the Seattle juggernauts will finally set off on a run of makeup shows after fans have been waiting two years to hear some of the daring new(er) tunes off "Gigaton," the band's 11th album, born just as the world was shutting down.

But on the plus side, the unexpected down time produced a rush of new side projects and archive-mining releases for fans to nibble until the next stadium singalong. Among them, Pearl Jam guitarist slayer Mike McCready's old side band, the Rockfords, dusted off the WAV files in March to release its lone studio album in digital formats for the first time.

Hatched in the late '90s, the Seattle supergroup consisted of McCready and his childhood friends Danny Newcomb (lead guitar), and brothers Chris and Rick Friel (drums and bass), with singer Carrie Akre of Goodness and Hammerbox. Although the Rockfords only had a few years together, releasing its self-titled album with Epic Records, the tight-knit members had plenty of history together: McCready, Newcomb and the Friels played together in McCready's first band Shadow, while Newcomb and Chris Friel joined Akre in Goodness.

This interview with McCready has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: How did the Rockfords

rerelease get in motion?

A: Danny Newcomb, who's the other guitar player and principal songwriter, one of my oldest — if not my oldest friend, I've known him since we were 5 years old — it was his idea. We're proud of the record. We have a lot of history behind all of that.

Q: You obviously have a ton of history playing with Danny, Rick and Chris. Then Danny and Chris playing with Carrie in Goodness. But how did you all decide to form the Rockfords?

A: I'm really close with Rick and Chris and Danny over all these years. So we were just talking about let's put something together, let's do something. At that time, either Goodness had just broken up or they were still going on, and I loved Carrie's voice. Her personality was great, and she was funny. She had a helluva range and a cool emotional quality to her singing, all the way back to Hammerbox. And I loved her energy. I really wanted to play with her as a singer.

Q: Those first times everybody got together, what was the chemistry like among you given all the overlapping history?

A: There's these silly old jokes that we all do over and over and over again. Rick and Chris and Danny and I will talk about KISS, or we'll always talk about the same kinda silly things, and I'm sure we were boring Carrie to death with our old rock stories. But we kind of get back into that mode again of being teenagers and the excitement of playing music together and the energy we had back then in Shadow.

I also get an influence from Danny when I play with him. I watch him play leads, I always have. He was the lead guitar player in Shadow, and I was the

rhythm guitar player at that time. So, I've always watched him to see what he does. He pushes me to be a better guitar player. It's similar to when I play with Stone (Gossard in Pearl Jam). I play off of what he's doing. I don't try to repeat what he's doing, I try to play around it.

Then Rick and Chris have their brothers' chemistry in terms of the bass and drums, and I'm used to all that. I've played with those guys for thousands of hours. I love that. There's a connection that happens, there's a goofiness. We're kinda like silly kids, me especially.

Q: On a personal level, what was it like to step away from the whole Pearl Jam frenzy and do this project with a bunch of longtime friends?

A: To step away from the craziness of Pearl Jam has always been a nice exit so that I can get back into it, get back into the frenzy. Especially around that time. It was a good relief. There was less pressure. We were doing it for the fun of it, and we were doing it to write songs together. We played some shows around Seattle, but there wasn't a giant pressure to do the Rockfords record. It was more organic and fun and celebratory at times. The song "Silver Lining," which Danny wrote, that's probably my favorite song on there. Getting to hear Carrie sing those cool lyrics, and they're kinda sad and poignant. Getting to work with a really great singer has always been for me a total treat. It's like the icing on the cake, because you get to have that right in your ear while you're playing, and it's beautiful to hear how Carrie sings and her emotional quality.

Q: When the pandemic hit, Pearl Jam's tour plans



Pearl Jam guitarist Mike McCready, above, formed the Rockfords with childhood friends Danny Newcomb and Chris and Rick Friel, as well as Carrie Akre. ERIKA SCHULTZ/SEATTLE TIMES 2018

after "Gigaton" got put on hold. What has this period been like for you, creatively, having this unplanned pause to touring?

A: For me personally, it's been really a great experience. It's not that I don't want to tour or anything like that. But I taught myself to do GarageBand, and I've been taking singing lessons, and I'm working on a solo thing right now. I'm working on a song I wrote about Chris Cornell. I made that song finally dealing with his passing, and I'm working on a little

project that I'm going to do in Seattle some day. It's going to have my story and the people that I knew who came up through the '90s. I'm not sure what it is yet, but the first thing I'm going to do is this song that I wrote about Chris. So, I've been working on a lot of solo stuff and also working with this director named Thom Zimny on a Beach Boys documentary.

Q: During Eddie Vedder's shows at Benaroya (Hall in Seattle), he alluded to Pearl Jam working

with Andrew Watt, who produced his album. I'm curious what those sessions have been like. A: We have talked to him and got together a couple of times doing some demos, and it was pretty fun. Just a different kind of vibe. He's got a great energy. He's way into getting good sounds. We also have Josh Evans, who worked on our last "Gigaton" record, we have a whole other section of songs from that era, too, that I think we still need to look at. So there's a lot of stuff on the back burners right now.

## HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** The path to healing doesn't have to be linear. Allow yourself to set down any logic-based process you've been using to soothe yourself. Instead, take a creative approach. Listening to music that speaks to your soul can help you to grow.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Luck is on your side today. Openings are appearing where there were blockages, and your attempts to create a positive experience for others in the past can benefit you now. Let your good luck, which may be facilitated by a friend, cover any worries that you're still holding on to from the past.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** You can consciously improve with less resistance today. An improved version of yourself could fill your thoughts, but you may be afraid to embrace that — especially if others define you. The person who has to live with your choices is you, and you know who you want to be!

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Your attempts to make improvements could be noticed at any moment. You may not have realized the impact that your little acts of kindness have had. However, your attempts have likely impressed others — you may receive respect, praise or even an easier workload.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** The next step on your journey is now ready for you! Something that you've been working on is finally about to come to fruition. You may feel tempted to quickly jump to the steps following it, but you're meant to take your time and savor this. Milestones deserve to be celebrated.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your cooperation may be about to pay off. Joint efforts are more likely to be successful right now. The more willing you are to work with others as a team, the better your results will be. Even though you've got the skills to do it alone, a helping hand can make things move so much more smoothly.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your workload could feel like a breeze today, leaving you much more time to do some fun stuff. It could feel like there's a catch and you're going to get hit with harsh reality at any moment, but don't worry! You've got permission from the universe to rest and recharge.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** This could be a magical day for you! Life runs more smoothly when you know the right thing to say — and your creative mind will help you charm everyone around you. You may notice that people seem kinder, and that you're supported by many people that you never expected.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your roots can reinvigorate your heart and soul. Lately, you may have been trying to make it on your own, and today could mark a return to the people who supported you when no one else was there for you. This doesn't have to be family — it could be a mentor or a friend.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** An opportunity to shake off the dust and take a day to have fun could be about to appear. It might be a little outside your comfort zone; the emotional release should be more than worth it. Human beings need to have fun and break up the monotony — give yourself an opportunity to let loose!

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Something shifting internally can invite a sense of security today. Feelings of uncertainty may cloud your view, but when the fog clears, you could be left with a better picture of yourself. This security can ease anxiety and remind you that you're right where you're supposed to be.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your Pisces powers are at their peak to heighten your creativity, intuition and compassion. You can project a clear image of yourself to others now, so this could also be an excellent time to market yourself to a potential employer or school. The sky is the limit, so don't hold yourself back!

## TODAY IN HISTORY

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On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his

time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail.")

In 1992, Euro Disneyland (now called Disneyland Paris) opened in Marne-La-Vallée, France.

In 2015, Hillary Clinton jumped back into presidential politics, announcing in a video her second campaign for the White House.

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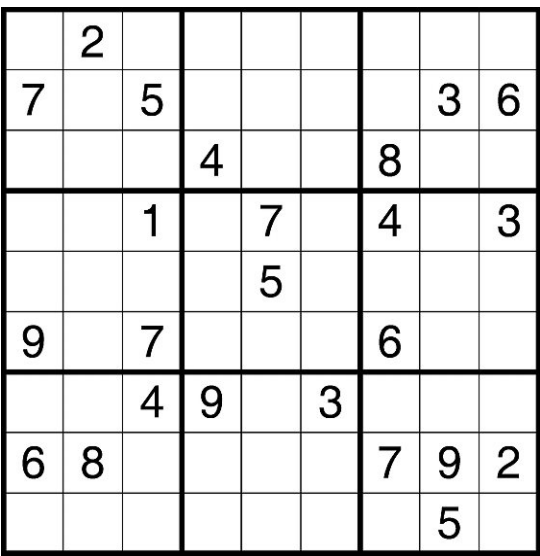
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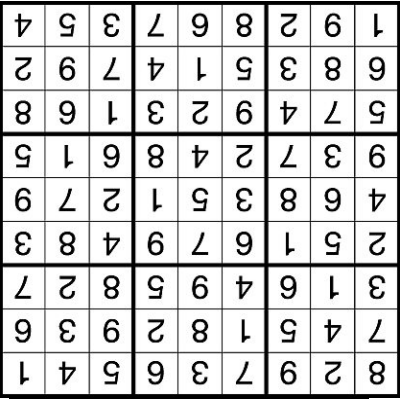
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](https://www.sudoku.org.uk).



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## BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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7 letters = 6 points  
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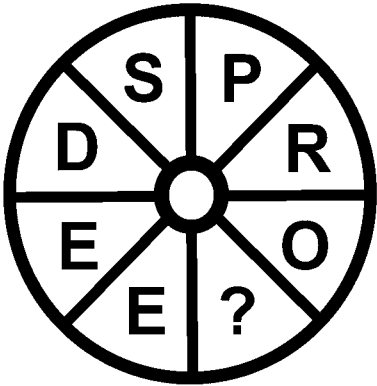
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101-150 = Expert  
61-100 = Pro  
31-60 = Gamer  
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11-20 = Amateur  
0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE WORDS STARTING AND ENDING WITH "L" (FIVE-LETTER MIN.) in the grid of letters.

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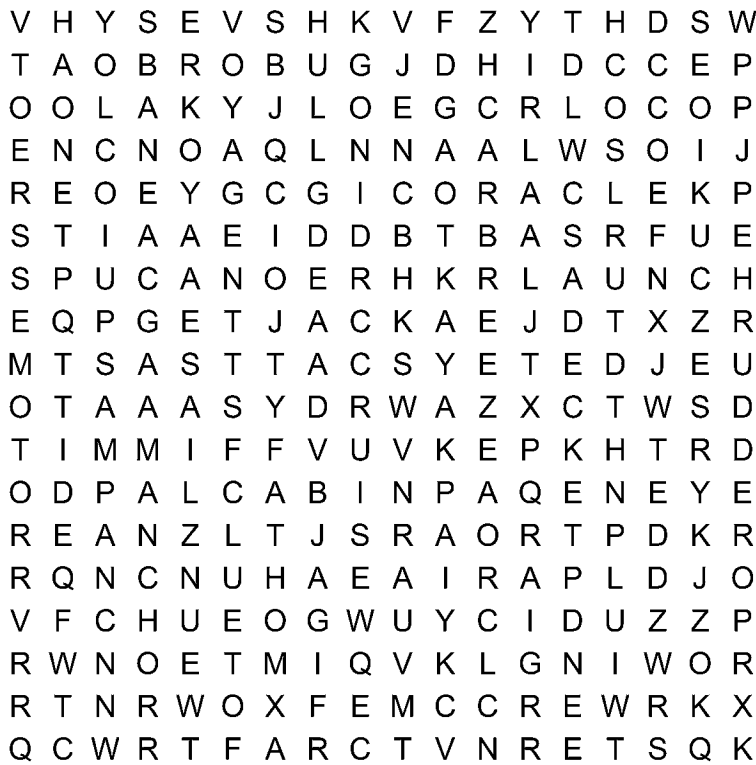
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### Wordsearch: all aboard

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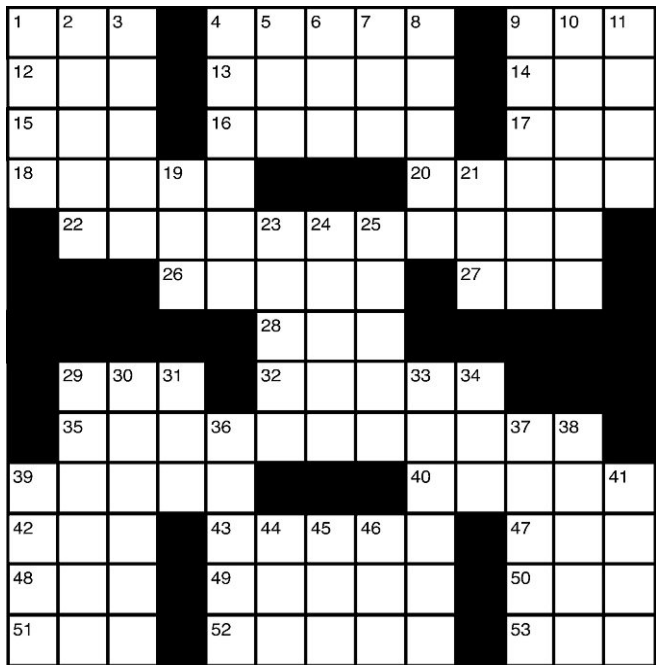
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| CLIPPER | JETTY  | PORT   | STERN     |
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### ACROSS

- "20/20" network
- "\_\_\_ Family"
- "Your \_\_\_ Parade"; musical series of the '50s
- Actor Kilmer
- Chris of tennis
- Hockey's Bobby \_\_\_
- "Love \_\_\_ Many Splendored Thing"
- Olympian Comaneci
- Misery
- Panoramic view
- Role on "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- Series for Christian Stoltz
- Large fruit
- "The \_\_\_ Couple"
- "NCIS: \_\_\_ Angeles"
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- "Boy \_\_\_ World"
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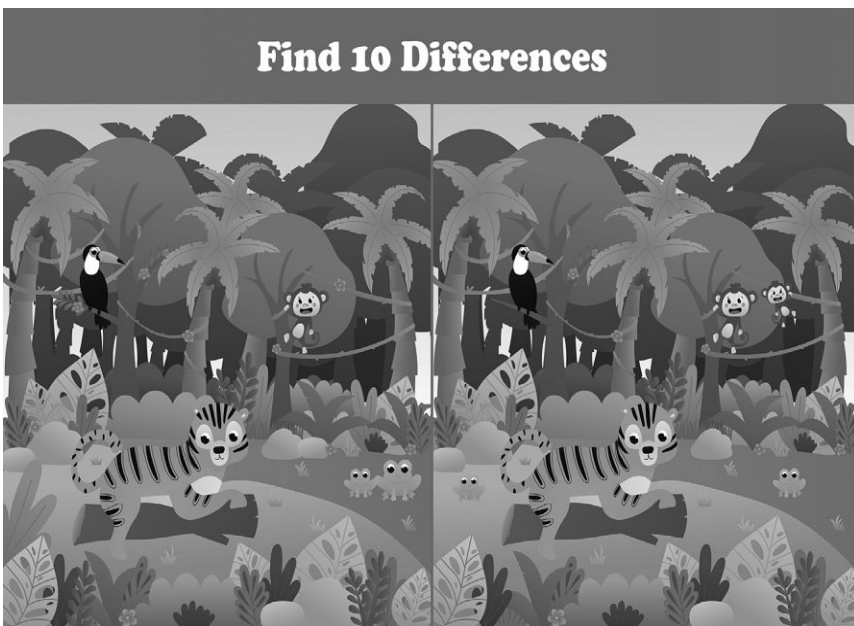
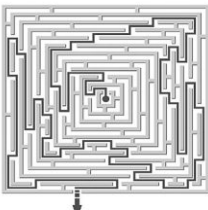
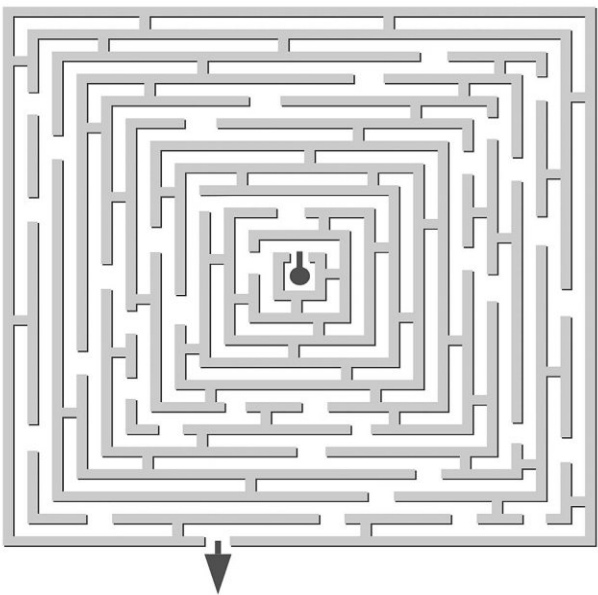
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- Wall and Easy: abbr.
- "Hogan's Heroes" setting: abbr.
- "\_\_\_ Cowboy"; John Travolta film
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- "The Atom \_\_\_ Show"; cartoon series of old
- Biden and Pence, for short
- Suffix for violin or balloon

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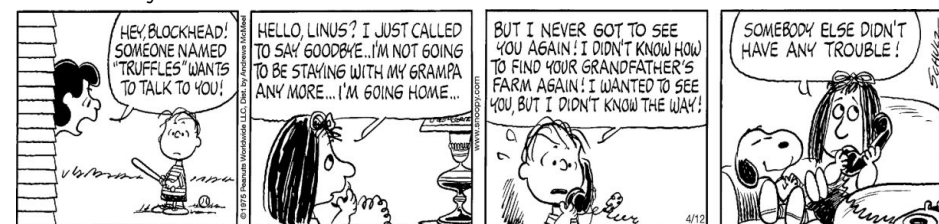
- Israel's Tel \_\_\_
- "\_\_\_ Instinct"; film for Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone
- "\_\_\_ of the Titans"; Sam Worthington movie
- "Dennis the \_\_\_"
- Actress Gardner
- "Chicago \_\_\_"
- Mr. Onassis, to friends
- Personnel
- Role on "The Big Bang Theory"
- Pressed clothing
- "Star \_\_\_: Voyager"
- Allen of "Last Man Standing"
- Animated movie about a macaw
- "Kate & \_\_\_"
- Merchandise
- Beginning; initial stage
- Danny Masterson's role on "That '70s Show"
- "Have \_\_\_ I!"; request for mercy
- "How I \_\_\_ Your Mother"
- Steve and Woody
- Actress Thompson
- Q's followers
- Cold rice with raw fish
- Mex. misses
- Prefix for bucks or phone
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- Before, to a poet
- Rebecca's husband on "Return to Amish"
- Gullible person

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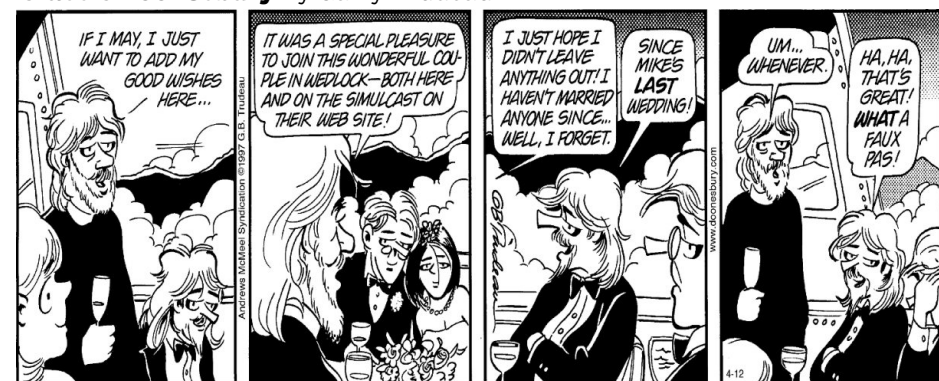




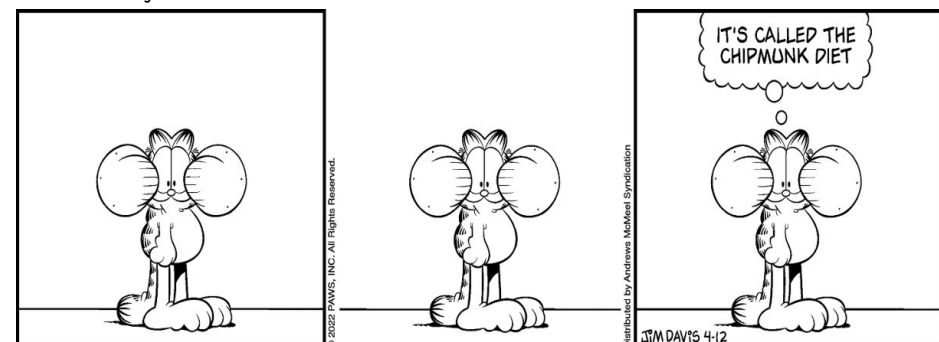
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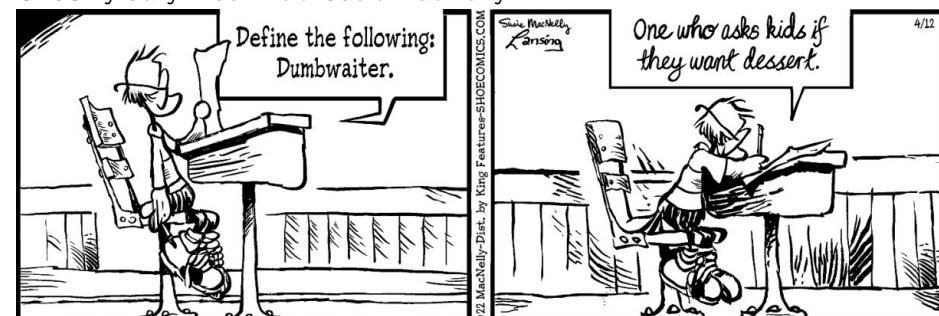
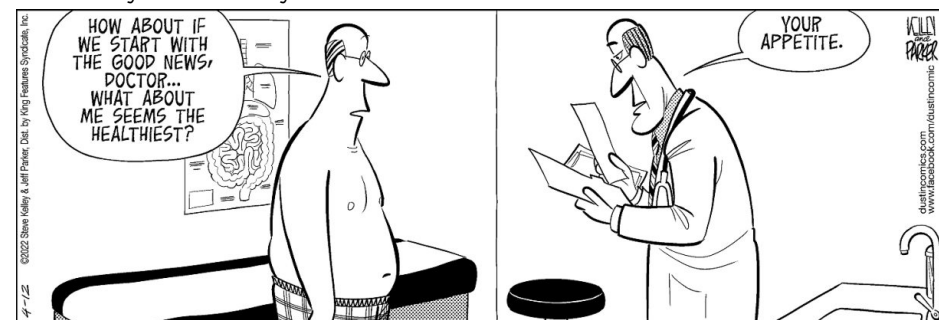
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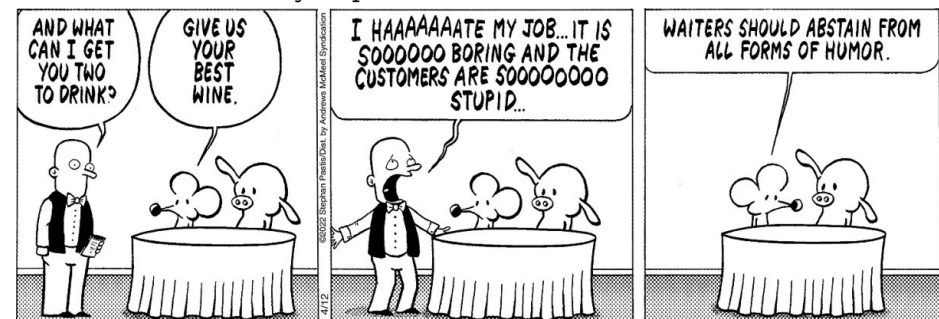
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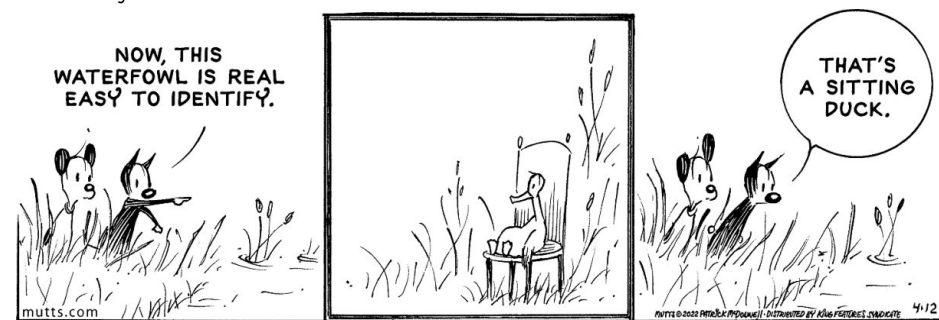
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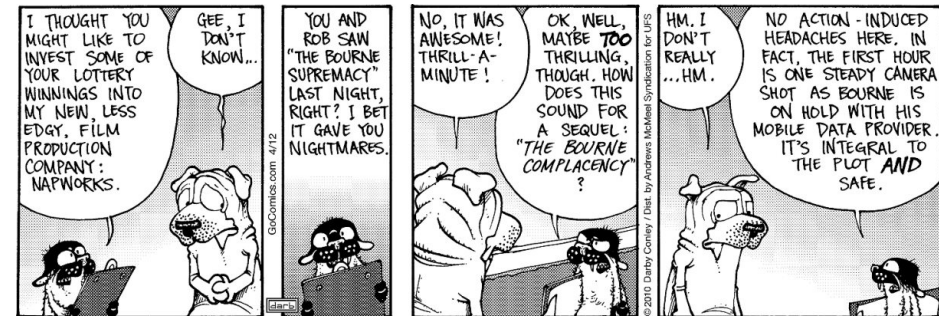
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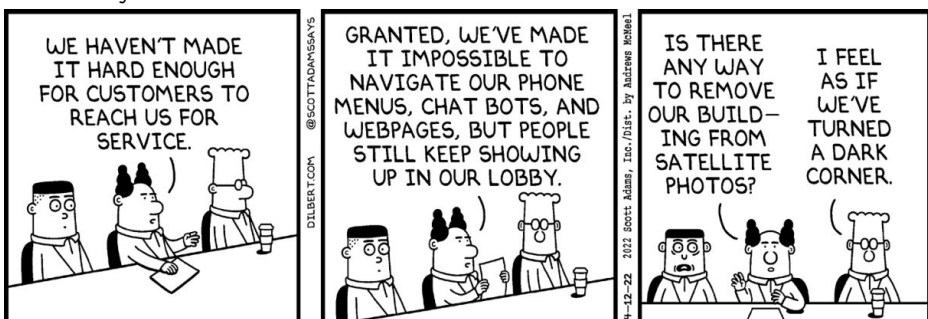
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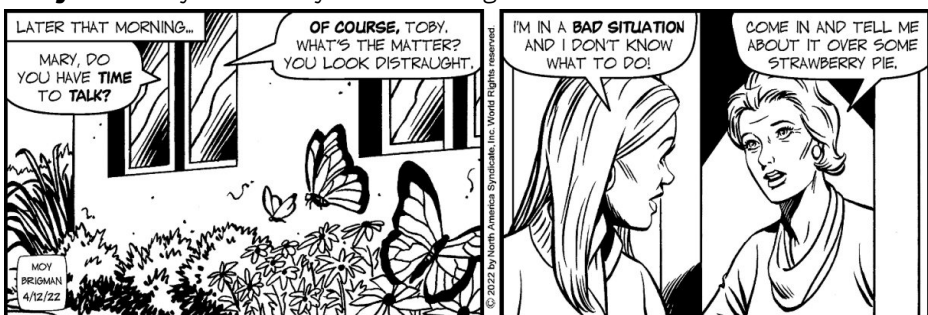
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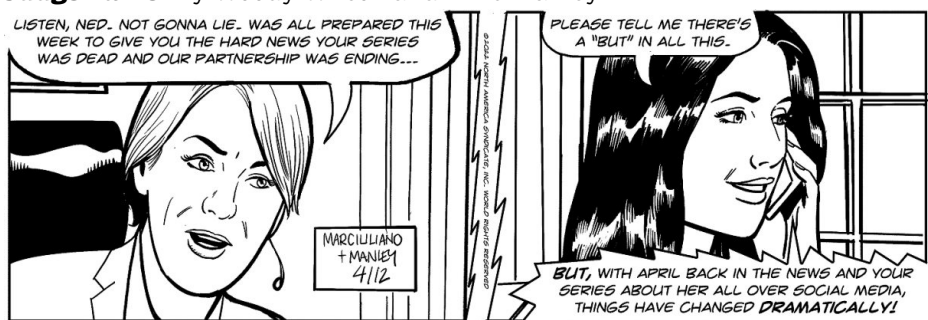
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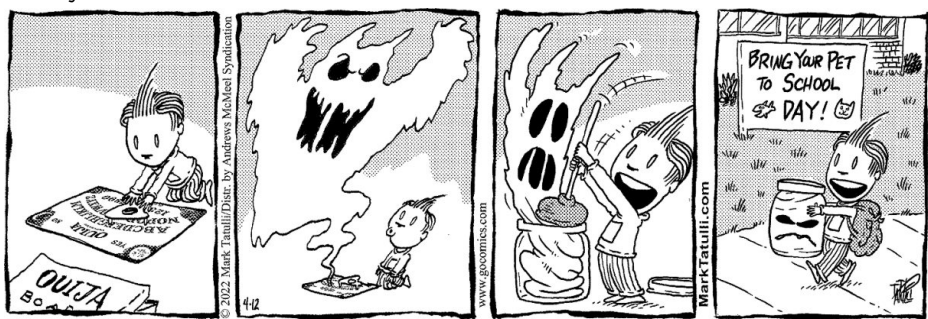
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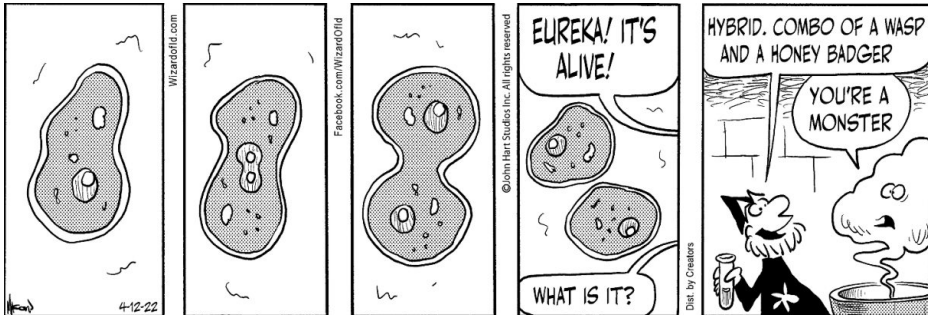
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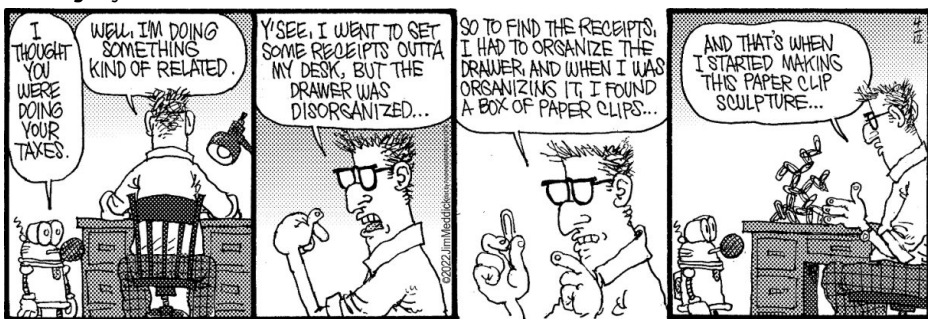
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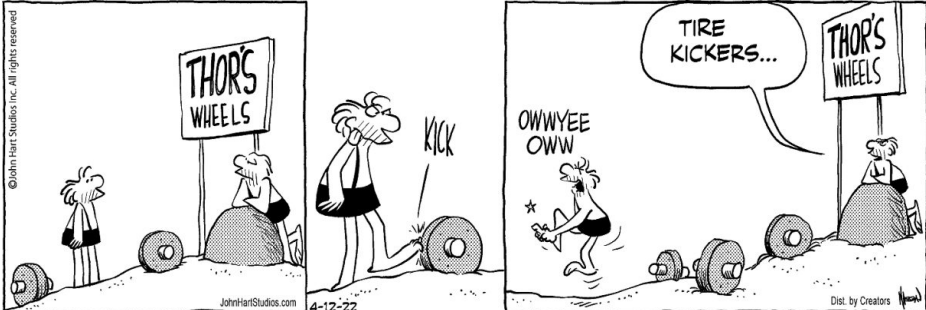




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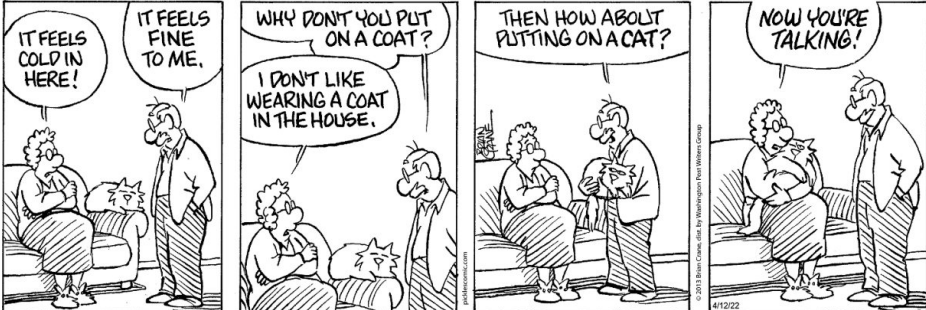
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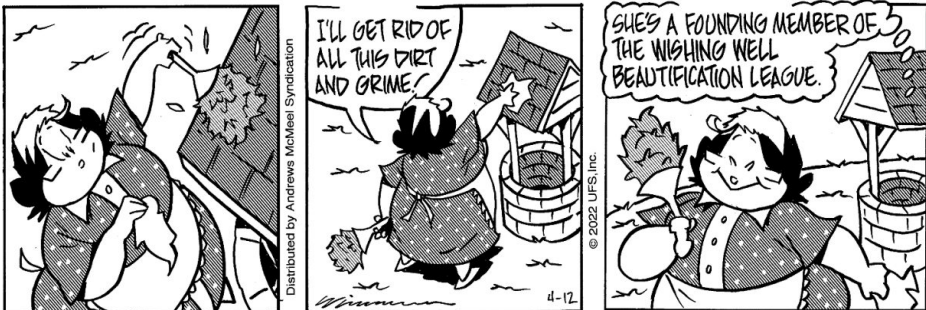
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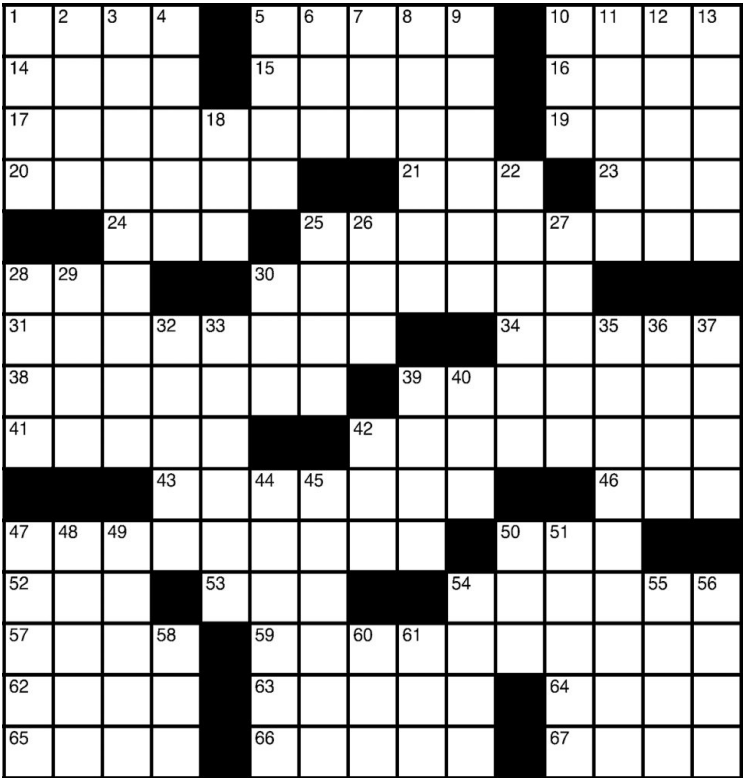
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

- Across**
- 1 Chesapeake shellfish
  - 5 Swings at a fly
  - 10 Perfect tennis serves
  - 14 Can't stand
  - 15 Band whose debut album "Dreamboat Annie" was released in the U.S. on Valentine's Day in 1976
  - 16 Reclined
  - 17 \*\_\_ day: on alternating days
  - 19 Thought
  - 20 Raised, as kids
  - 21 What a vocalist may drop for emphasis
  - 23 "What's the \_\_?": "So what?"
  - 24 Pallid
  - 25 \*Aussie's "Well done!"
  - 28 Historic period
  - 30 Deluge
  - 31 \*One with the motto "Be Prepared"
  - 34 Trait carriers
  - 38 Brazenly obvious
  - 39 Morton condiment
  - 41 Determined to have
  - 42 \*Serves a prison sentence
  - 43 Daily record, as on a ship
  - 46 Almost on "E"
  - 47 \*Part of the contract where gotchas might be found
  - 50 Mantra syllables
  - 52 United
  - 53 Talk incessantly
  - 54 "You're the One That I Want" musical
  - 57 Bloody, as steak
  - 59 The first words of the answers to starred clues are a mnemonic for this musical symbol's staff lines
  - 62 Back up, on a PC
  - 63 Philadelphia NFLer
  - 64 Winter wear
  - 65 Extreme disorder
  - 66 Struck down, biblically
  - 67 Pantry pests
  - 6 Drenched, e.g.
  - 7 "That feels good"
  - 8 Seismic event
  - 9 Long step
  - 10 Comedian Wong
  - 11 Escalade, casually
  - 12 Kids' song refrain
  - 13 Big blunder
  - 18 Hunkering
  - 22 Barrel-shaped drums
  - 25 Joint ailment
  - 26 Uneaten morsel
  - 27 A-bomb tryout
  - 28 Recedes to the sea
  - 29 Part in a play
  - 30 "An ounce of action is worth a \_\_ of theory": Emerson (probably)
  - 32 Pilfered
  - 33 Suspended cover above a bed
  - 35 Place for a manicure
  - 36 "Tickle Me" Muppet
  - 37 Hearty entrée
  - 39 Chimney sweep's target
  - 40 "A mouse!"
  - 42 Cheadle who was Basher in "Ocean's" films
  - 44 Fireplace inserts
  - 45 Yoga-as-exercise namesake
  - 47 Roman place of assembly
  - 48 Foolish
  - 49 Brainiacs, maybe
  - 50 Valuable deposit
  - 51 Muslim holy city
  - 54 Joy
  - 55 Usher's offering
  - 56 Young newts
  - 58 Dawn goddess
  - 60 Alter \_\_
  - 61 Three-letter sandwich
- Down**
- 1 "Believe" singer
  - 2 "Must-see" review
  - 3 Eroded
  - 4 Quotable Yogi
  - 5 Not barefoot



By Jesse Goldberg Tribune Content Agency 4/12/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ Q 10 4 3 2

♥ 7 4

♦ A J 10

♣ A 9 2

**EAST**

♠ 7 6

♥ Q 9 8 6 5 2

♦ Q 9 7 5 4

♣ —

**SOUTH**

♠ A K J 9 8

♥ A 10

♦ 6

♣ 10 8 6 4 3

The bidding:

South 1 ♠ West 2 ♣ North 3 ♠ East Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Resist that impulse

When failure seems certain, you have two choices: You either give up and move on to the next deal, or you can try to find some way out of your fix. If you are a fighter by nature, you can attempt to apply the basic principle in bridge that whenever it is clear that normal play is certain to fail, you should look for a solution that may be well off the beaten path.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of clubs against your four-spade contract. You know that West has five clubs for his overcall, and that if you play the ace from dummy, East will trump it. It is equally certain that East will then lead a heart, after which you can kiss the contract goodbye.

You should therefore apply the doctrine of self-preservation by refusing to play the ace of clubs on the king! After East discards a heart and West continues with the

queen of clubs, you play low from dummy again! West then leads the five of clubs to dummy's ace, and East, as expected, ruffs and returns a heart.

You have now lost the first three tricks, but you are no longer headed for down one. You win the heart with the ace, cash the ace of trump and lead the ten of clubs from your 10-8. West, who has the J-7 of clubs at this point, can do no better than cover the ten with the jack. You ruff in dummy, return to your hand, cash the eight of clubs — discarding dummy's remaining heart — and so make the contract.

The deal demonstrates once again that you can't play bridge mechanically. The temptation to play the ace of clubs at trick one must be resisted when it is obvious that that play is certain to lead to defeat.

**Tomorrow:** Active defense.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

**LEYID**

**RUYHR**

**NAIUG**

**EPYNHH**

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

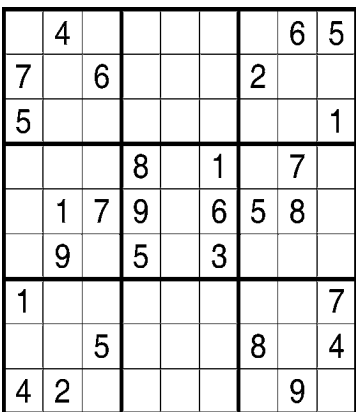
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STAFF PATIO HIDDEN SPIRAL

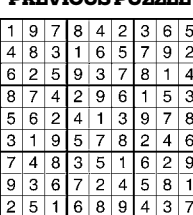
Answer: The dart player celebrated his victory with a drink that — HIT THE SPOT

TODAY'S SUDOKU

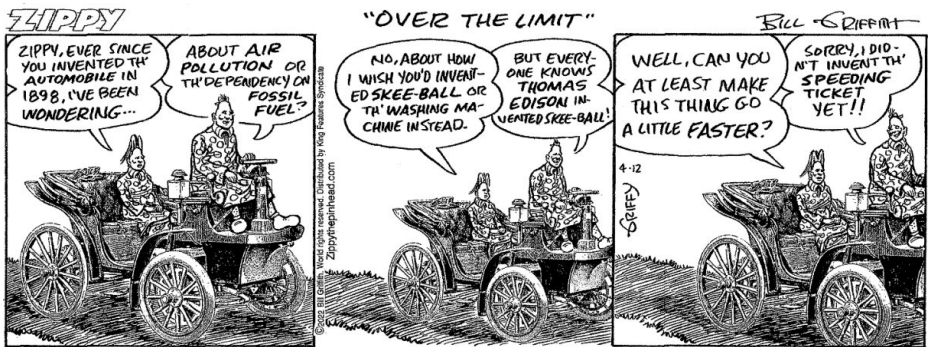


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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WNBA DRAFT

## Talented trio get picked in 2nd round

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

A trio of UConn women's basketball players — Christyn Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Evina Westbrook — were selected in the second round of the WNBA draft on Monday night.

Williams was the first Husky off the board, taken 15th overall by the Washington Mystics.

The 5-foot-11 guard from Little Rock, Arkansas enters the league after averaging 14.2 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.3 assists as a senior for the Huskies this past season.

Williams won the prestigious Ann Meyers Drysdale award as

the nation's top shooting guard in 2021-22 and was named an All-Big East First Team selection in each of the last two seasons.

Throughout her time in Storrs, Williams showed an ability to score at all three levels with speed downhill. She also developed on the defensive end, averaging 1.5 steals per game as a senior.

There weren't any Huskies entered in the draft last year, making Williams the first UConn player selected since 2020. That year, Megan Walker went ninth overall to the New York Liberty and Crystal Dangerfield was taken

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UConn's Christyn Williams rubs her hands together in a team huddle during warmups before a game against North Carolina State the NCAA Bridgeport Regional final on March 28. **CLOE POISSON / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

## Sun pick Michigan State guard Clouden No. 12

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun added depth to a talented roster with championship aspirations on Monday night when they selected Michigan State guard Nia Clouden (12th overall), Baylor guard Jordan Lewis (24th overall) and Florida guard Kiara Smith (36th) in the WNBA draft.

"Nia is who we targeted from the beginning of draft preparations," Sun general manager and head coach Curt Miller said. "We feel she brings us a dynamic scoring combo guard that can score at all three levels."

The Atlanta Dream drafted

Kentucky guard Rhyne Howard first overall earlier in the evening. The top five was rounded out by Baylor forward NaLyssa Smith (Indiana Fever), Ole Miss center Shakira Austin (Washington Mystics), Louisville forward Emily Engstler (Indiana) and Oregon forward Nyara Sabally (New York Liberty).

Clouden, a 5-foot-8 guard, averaged 20.0 points, 4.2 rebounds and 4.2 assists for the Spartans last season. She brings accuracy from beyond the arc, as she shot 39.6% on 3-pointers.

"To be drafted is definitely a dream come true," Clouden said.

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TIGERS 3, RED SOX 1

## Báez's 2-run blast in the 8th powers Tigers past the Red Sox

By Larry Lage  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Javier Báez smashed a pitch over the fence and make a slick play in the field.

When the Detroit Tigers signed the two-time All-Star shortstop to a six-year, \$140 million, contact last winter, they were banking on him having a lot of games just like that.

Baez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning and made a diving stop and throw from one knee for an out in the second, leading Detroit to a 3-1 win over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

"Javy made a big-time play at shortstop and got a hit we needed," said Miguel Cabrera, who had a sacrifice fly and two hits to pull within nine of the 3,000th of his career. "It was a big game for us after losing two to the White Sox."

Baez sent a 396-foot shot to left off Ryan Brasier that scored Austin Meadows, bringing home two players who are part of a new-look team that is hoping to contend.

Michael Fulmer (1-0) pitched the eighth and Gregory Soto closed the game for Detroit's first save of the season.

Austin Davis (0-1) took the loss after giving up one run and two hits in one inning.

Boston led by multiple runs in each of its first three games against the New York Yankees, but didn't win until Sunday when Bobby Dalbec hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the sixth inning.

The Tigers were behind by two-plus runs in all three games against the Chicago White Sox, and rallied only in the opener on Báez's RBI single in the ninth that scored Matthews in their Detroit debut.

"If you're looking for panic, you should look somewhere else," manager A.J. Hinch said.

The Tigers flipped the script against the Red Sox by taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning on Cabrera's sacrifice, but didn't generate much more offense until late in the game.

Detroit's Matt Manning was perfect through four innings, before J.D. Martinez led off the fifth with a solo homer for

**Turn to Sox, Page 2**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



E.O. Smith coach Mike Susi proposes to his girlfriend Bobbi Jo Ramsey during a high school baseball game against East Catholic at Dodd Stadium in Norwich on Monday. **PHOTOS BY JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

# Winning proposal

### Coach's E.O. Smith team may have lost, but she said yes and they raised over \$5,000 for MS

By Lori Riley  
Hartford Courant

NORWICH — Bobbi Jo Ramsey was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis two years ago. When she walked out onto the field at Dodd Stadium on Monday afternoon to join her boyfriend, E.O. Smith baseball coach Mike Susi, she thought she was going to thank the fans who came to the E.O. Smith-East Catholic baseball game, which was a fundraiser for MS.

Instead, Susi got down on one knee and proposed to her as his team looked on. Ramsey said yes.

It was the top of the fourth inning and the game went on, but East Catholic spoiled the storybook ending by beating E.O. Smith 2-0 and extending its winning streak to 29 games.

Susi and East Catholic coach Martin Fiori have been friends for 30 years and coaching against each other for the last 20. Susi



East Catholic's Nate Grzybowski escapes a pickle and is safe at home, avoiding a tag from E.O. Smith's Diego Mercado on Monday at Dodd Stadium in Norwich. East Catholic won, 2-0.

thought about doing the fundraiser and proposal to Ramsey last year but decided against it because he wasn't sure if fans would be allowed due to COVID-19.

He wanted to play against his friend, whose team won the Class M state championship last year.

"This year, I talked about a possibility of having an MS game, then I called Martin, called the umpires," Susi said. "Everybody was in on it, except for her."

Even his players knew.

"I told them, 'If you tell anybody, I'll run ya,'" he said.

"He told me he wanted to get together on the field in the top of the fourth to thank everyone and to acknowledge our sponsors and donors," Ramsey said. "Then he grabs my hand and he's shaking and I'm like, 'OK, something's going on. This isn't just a thank you.'"

The two have been dating for almost four years. Ramsey, who turned 35 last week, started having symptoms two years ago. Her leg started to give out on her and she wasn't sure what was wrong. She said she was thankful to have been diagnosed in a month and a half

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**Nets:** NBA Play-In Round (Game 1) vs. Cavaliers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; NBA Play-In Round (Game 2, if necessary) vs. Hornets/Hawks, Friday, 7/7:30 p.m.  
**Bruins:** Blues, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Senators, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Penguins, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.  
**Rangers:** Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Flyers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.  
**Wolf Pack:** at Belleville, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Toronto, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Rochester, Saturday, 7 p.m.  
**Red Sox:** at Tigers, Tuesday, 1 p.m.; at Tigers, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Twins, Friday, 2 p.m.  
**Yankees:** Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Mets:** at Phillies, Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.; at Phillies, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Diamondbacks, Friday, 1 p.m.  
**Yard Goats:** at New Hampshire, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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**7 p.m.:** Cavaliers at Nets. (Live) TNT  
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**9:30 p.m.:** Clippers at Timberwolves. (Live) TNT  
**GOLF**  
**7 p.m.:** Western Intercollegiate, Second Round. (Live) GOLF  
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**3 p.m.:** UEFA Champions League Real Madrid vs Chelsea. (Live) CBS UNI  
**7 p.m.:** Women's International Friendly United States vs Uzbekistan. (Live) ESPN2  
**10 p.m.:** CONCACAF Champions League Cruz Azul vs Universidad Nacional. (Live) FSI  
**SOFTBALL**  
**7 p.m.:** Clemson at South Carolina. (Live) ESPNU

METS NOTES

Seaver’s widow, daughters to be at statue unveiling

By Deesha Thosar  
New York Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — The Franchise is 10 feet high, 13 ½ feet in length, and weighs 3,200 pounds. The statue, that is.

The highly anticipated Tom Seaver statue will be unveiled at 10:30 a.m. Friday during a pregame ceremony at Citi Field before the Mets’ home opener against the Diamondbacks. Nancy, Seaver’s widow, and their two daughters, Sarah and Anne, will be in attendance at the Home Run Apple to see the statue for the first time.

“This is a wonderful way to honor Dad’s legacy, and to

celebrate his wonderful years in New York,” said Sarah Seaver, Tom’s oldest daughter. “The Mets have been working on this for years, and to see William Behrends’ vision come to fruition is so exciting and very touching. We are thrilled to share this with all the fans who supported Dad throughout his career.”

The statue, sculpted by William Behrends, was commissioned by the Wilpon-owned Mets in 2019. It will feature his iconic drop and drive delivery and is said to be two times life-size to scale. It consists of 2,000 pounds of bronze and 1,200 pounds of structural stainless

steel. The granite mound the statue sits on is approximately 3 feet in height.

The sculptor tried to capture the enormity of what Seaver meant to the Mets organization.

“Tom Seaver’s larger than life presence on the mound and his dynamic pitching delivery were both a challenge and a rich inspiration to me as a sculptor,” said Behrends. “I am most grateful to the Seaver family for being so generous with their time in sharing stories of him and insights into the extraordinary man he was.”

Seaver died at age 75 at his home in Calistoga, Calif., following complica-

tions from Lyme disease, dementia and COVID-19. He dropped out of public life in March of 2019 after being diagnosed with dementia.

He left behind 311 victories, 3,640 career strikeouts, three Cy Young Awards and his starring role in the Miracle Mets 1969 championship season.

“There is a reason he was called ‘The Franchise,’” said team owner Steve Cohen. “You can’t measure what Tom Seaver meant to this organization. This magnificent statue will be a wonderful daily reminder to Mets fans coming to Citi Field that Tom Seaver is forever a Mets legend.”

**Welcome to Philly:** The Mets opened their first series against the Phillies on Monday, and manager Buck Showalter got his first extended look at one of the club’s division rivals over the course of the three-game set. (The game wasn’t over in time for this edition.)

“They’ve got a lot of weapons,” Showalter said. “They’ve got people who know how to use them. They’re a good baseball team. Got a lot of ways they can beat you. Very potent. Not going to say it’s going to be fun to compete against them, but it’s going to be a good test for us.”



The Yankees’ Jameson Taillon makes a pitch in the first inning against the Blue Jays on Monday at Yankee Stadium. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

YANKEES NOTES

Offer to Correa or Freeman never made

By Kristie Ackert  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Yankees never went big game hunting this winter. General manager Brian Cashman confirmed that the Bombers never made a formal offer to Carlos Correa or Freddie Freeman this offseason.

“I would receive phone calls from Scott Boras, not a lot, but Scott reached out not just to me but all clubs that he thought might be a possibility,” Cashman said on WFAN. “I was aware and sharing with ownership the world that was changing at that time for that particular free agent, along with the other free agents that wound up landing deals elsewhere.”

“It just didn’t fit.”

Correa eventually signed a three-year, \$105.3 million deal with the Twins — after they had traded Josh

Donaldson, Isiah Kiner-Falefa and Ben Rortved to the Yankees. That allowed the Twins to take the \$35.1 million on their payroll that the Bombers just weren’t willing to.

“If you’re going to place that type of bet, for that type of number, in this particular calendar year for our payroll, then it would preclude us to having the ability to do the things we were able to do,” Cashman said.

Freeman eventually signed a six-year, \$162 million deal with the Dodgers, which is \$27 million average annual value toward the competitive balance tax threshold.

Cashman said the trade that brought in Donaldson, Kiner-Falefa and Rortved came with the \$25 million due Donaldson but also addressed multiple needs for the Yankees.

It also allowed them to make an attempt to extend Aaron Judge,

though Cashman said their offer to the slugger, which would have been worth at least \$230 million over the next eight years, would not prevent them from taking on salary.

“No, because the hope and intent here, which is being very transparent, is to have Aaron Judge, not just part of the present but the future,” Cashman said. “To be able to accomplish that, we have to keep some powder dry. That atmosphere still exists. If we pivoted and went a different direction, that would certainly have ramifications about flexibilities moving forward as he enters the free agent market going into next year.”

Cashman would not go into details of what Judge and his agent asked for, but pointed out that he had told Judge that he would disclose the details of their offer. Judge had said he was disappointed that the details

became public, but he did say that morning that Cashman was going to tell reporters about it.

“I can tell you that I did share with Aaron’s representation, probably 72 hours or longer before, that ultimately if we can’t come to an agreement, we’ll be sharing at least our side of the fence. And, they’re certainly free to do the same on their end,” Cashman said. “So I couldn’t tell you. I can’t again. I can’t speak to, you know, there are his feelings on the matter either way, under the fact that I was transparent publicly. But I was transparent privately well in advance of that press conference.”

**Montgomery sore:** Jordan Montgomery, who took a comebacker off the side of his left knee Sunday night, was getting treatment Monday, but the Yankees are hopeful he can make his next scheduled start.

Proposal

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because some people go years without knowing what’s wrong.

Susi had a friend who ran a nonprofit called Mission Stadiums For Multiple Sclerosis, a sports-oriented fundraiser for MS research, which also helps families dealing with the disease.

Monday they raised over \$5,000.

“Mike’s been a friend for years, and baseball’s what brings us together,” Fiori said. “A lot of what we do is more than just baseball, having the kids come together for such a great cause, knowing Bobbi Jo and what she’s struggling with and everybody else suffering from MS, it just feels good to be able to do some good for the cause.”

“Winning the game is, I guess, the headline, but what goes on because of the game is second to none.”

E.O. Smith pitcher Aiden Gilbert struck out 13 but got the loss. East Catholic scored two runs in the fourth (right after the proposal) when Luke Wearne reached first on a dropped third strike, then went to second on a passed ball and scored on a Nate Grzybowski triple to left field. Grzybowski scored the second run on an error during a rundown play.

East Catholic (4-0) turned three double plays, including one to end the game.

“They’re a good baseball team. They made the plays,” Susi said.

He added, “We are a good baseball team, and I’m trying to get them to understand that. We had a chance. We threw it away today. Aiden will give us an opportunity to go out and win every baseball game he pitches, as long as he pitches like that. He did



E.O. Smith’s Aiden Gilbert loses his cap while pitching Monday against East Catholic. Gilbert struck out 13 but E.O. Smith lost 2-0. **JESSICA HILL / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

exactly what we needed so that’s why I was disappointed with the offense. I felt like we should have scored five to six runs.”

It was hard for Susi to keep focused on the matter at hand the last few weeks with everything that was going on; he apologized to his team the other day for not being all there.

Now the next question is: When is the wedding?

“I don’t know,” Susi said. “She wants

it during baseball season. She wants a spring wedding. I mean, we’ve talked about getting married. It’s not like I was worried about her saying no, although I was a little nervous.

“I told her, ‘It’s baseball season. We’re not going to be able to go on a honeymoon or anything.’ She’s like, ‘That’s OK.’ So we’ll see.”

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Boston to tie it.

Manning, the No. 9 overall pick in the 2016 draft, gave up only Martinez’s solo homer over six innings.

“He had some good stuff early on and he kept us off balance and was giving us trouble,” Martinez said.

Alex Lange and Fulmer each gave up a hit in one inning of scoreless relief. Soto, too, allowed only one hit.

In his Red Sox debut, Michael Wacha got off to a shaky start before shutting Detroit down. Wacha loaded the bases in the first with one out on Meadows’ single and two walks, but got out of the jam by giving up only one run on Cabrera’s sacrifice fly.

“That first inning was kind of frustrating for me,” Wacha said. “Giving a couple free passes there ended up leading to a run, but I felt like I settled in pretty well after that.”

Cabrera doubled in the sixth, giving him 1,117 extra-

base hits, pulling him into a 19th-place tie with Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx. Hall of Famer George Brett (1,119) and Manny Ramirez (1,122) are the next two on the all-time extra-base hit list.

Trainer’s room

**Red Sox:** Trevor Story missed his second straight game with flu-like symptoms. Manager Alex Cora reiterated that the team’s new \$140 million second baseman does not have COVID-19, adding Story arrived in Detroit. “He feels weak,” Cora said. “Hopefully he can come here (Tuesday), get him moving around. I’m not sure if he’s going to play (Tuesday). We’re trying to shoot for the last day of the series.” ... RHP Matt Barnes pitched one inning after being out with a tight back.

**Tigers:** LHP Andrew Chafin (groin strain) threw a bullpen Monday. “It’s a big week for Chafin,” Hinch said. ... OF Derek Hill, on the 10-day IL with a strained right hamstring, has begun a running program.

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## BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	3	0	1.000	—	—	3-0	W-3	3-0	0-0
New York	2	1	.667	1	—	2-1	L-1	2-1	0-0
Toronto	2	1	.667	1	—	2-1	L-1	2-1	0-0
Baltimore	1	3	.250	2 ½	1 ½	1-3	W-1	1-0	0-3
Boston	0	1	.250	2 ½	1 ½	1-3	L-1	0-0	1-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	2	1	.667	—	—	2-1	W-2	0-0	2-1
Cleveland	2	2	.500	½	½	2-2	W-2	0-0	2-2
Detroit	2	2	.500	½	½	2-2	W-1	2-2	0-0
Kansas City	2	2	.500	½	½	2-2	L-2	2-2	0-0
Minnesota	1	2	.333	1	1	1-2	W-1	1-2	0-0

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	3	1	.750	—	—	3-1	W-1	0-0	3-1
Seattle	2	1	.667	½	—	2-1	L-1	0-0	2-1
Oakland	1	2	.333	1 ½	1	1-2	W-1	0-0	1-2
Los Angeles	1	3	.250	2	1 ½	1-3	L-1	1-3	0-0
Texas	1	3	.250	2	1 ½	1-3	L-1	0-1	1-2

## BOX SCORES

## CLEVELAND 10, KANSAS CITY 7

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Straw cf	4	2	1	0	1	.235
Kwan lf	3	2	1	3	0	.692
Ramirez 3b	4	0	1	1	0	.375
Reyes dh	5	0	2	1	1	.263
Rosario ss	5	1	2	1	1	.444
Miller lf	5	2	3	0	1	.545
Mercado rf	5	1	1	3	1	.188
Gimenez 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.222
a-Clement 2b	2	2	1	0	0	.500
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	1	.000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	
Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield rf	5	0	2	1	0	.176
Witt Jr. 3b	4	2	0	0	3	.125
Benintendi lf	3	2	3	3	0	.538
Perez c	4	0	2	1	1	.125
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.083
Dozier dh	4	0	0	1	0	.267
Mondesi ss	4	1	1	0	1	.143
Taylor cf	3	1	1	0	1	.200
Lopez 2b	4	1	1	1	0	.400
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	

Cleveland	200	200	231	—	10	13	1
Kansas City	001	300	102	—	7	9	0

a-singled for Gimenez in the 7th.  
**E:** Ramirez (1), **LOB:** Cleveland 7,  
Kansas City 8. **2B:** Miller 2(3).

**3B:** Kwan (1).  
**HR:** Mercado (2), off Hernandez; Benintendi (1), off Clase.  
**RBI:** Rosario (4), Mercado 3(8), Ramirez (5), Reyes (2), Kwan 3(3), Perez (1), Lopez (2), Merrifield (1), Benintendi 3(4), Dozier (1).  
**SB:** Straw (2), Merrifield (1), Witt Jr. (1), Mondesi (1). **CS:** Merrifield (0).  
**S:** Hedges.  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 3(Rosario, Ramirez, Clement); Kansas City 3(Dozier 3, Mondesi).  
**RISP:** Cleveland 5for 13; Kansas City 2for 11. **Runners moved up:** Reyes, Hedges, Mercado, Santana, Merrifield.  
**GIDP:** Reyes, Mondesi. **DP:** Cleveland 2 (Ramirez, Gimenez, Miller; Clement, Rosario, Miller); Kansas City 1 (Mondesi, Lopez, Santana).

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Civale	3⅓	4	4	2	3	5	4.40
Stephan	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Allen, W, 1-0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Shaw, H, 1	⅓	2	1	1	1	0	6.75
Sandlin, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Clase	1	2	2	1	1	18	0.00
KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hernandez	4⅓	6	4	4	2	1	8.31
Snider	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Coleman	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Brentz, L, 0-1	⅔	1	2	2	1	1	9.00
Staubert	⅔	3	2	2	1	1	10.80
Barlow	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	3.86
Clarke	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	9.00
Payamps	1	2	1	1	0	0	9.00
<b>Inherited runners-scored:</b> Stephan 1-1, Sandlin 2-0, Staubert 2-2, Barlow 2-2, Clarke 1-0.							
<b>HBP:</b> Civale (Perez), Allen (Dozier). <b>WP:</b> Brentz. <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Erich Bacchus; First, Phil Cuzzi; Second, Cory Blaser; Third, Mark Ripberger. T: 3:37. <b>A:</b> 8,971(37,903).							

## STOLEN BASES, 2019-PRESENT

PLAYER	SB	PA	CS	OBP
Starling Marte	82	1377	14	.357
Adalberto Mondesi	82	823	16	.287
Trea Turner	79	1487	14	.369
Whit Merrifield	72	1732	17	.330
Jonathan Villar	70	1430	21	.327
Ronald Acuna Jr.	62	1277	16	.380
Jose Ramirez	61	1445	11	.351
Trevor Story	58	1519	17	.348
Fernando Tatis Jr.	52	1715	13	.369
Mallex Frazier	48	613	9	.299
Tommy Edman	47	1278	10	.322
Elvis Andrus	46	1312	11	.299
Jarrod Dyson	46	667	9	.293
Tommy Pham	46	1357	10	.350
Manuel Margot	45	1070	16	.313
Shohei Ohtani	45	1256	14	.348
Myles Straw	45	867	9	.342
Dylan Moore	44	819	19	.302
Christian Yelich	43	1315	7	.392
Kolten Wong	41	1261	11	.347
Tim Anderson	40	1295	14	.350
Victor Robles	40	1184	16	.313
Garrett Hampson	39	1009	11	.293
Francisco Lindor	39	1461	11	.332
Cedric Mullins	39	915	10	.337
Ozzie Albies	38	1529	9	.329
Billy Hamilton	37	1358	10	.346
Raimel Tapia	37	524	8	.269
Mookie Betts	36	1516	10	.377
Bryce Harper	36	1538	8	.401
Kevin Kiermaier	36	1035	11	.303
Jon Berti	34	710	9	.344
Bo Bichette	33	1043	6	.344
Niko Goodrum	33	984	9	.299
Javier Baez	32	1355	12	.304
Amed Rosario	32	1405	11	.318
Lorenzo Cain	31	938	10	.327
Isiah Kiner-Falefa	31	1139	10	.311
Delino DeShields	29	866	9	.327
Marcus Semien	29	1721	9	.344
Kyle Tucker	28	883	7	.345
Tyler Wade	28	368	3	.325
Ramon Laureano	27	1081	8	.331
Miguel Rojas	27	1217	9	.333
Danny Santana	27	701	8	.403
Juan Soto	27	1525	10	.339
Randy Arozarena	26	715	11	.358
Tim Locastro	26	488	3	.333
Will Myers	26	1224	13	.330
Jurickson Profar	26	1145	7	.321
Byron Buxton	25	697	5	.326
Jazz Chisholm	25	577	7	.299
Dale Fletcher	25	1559	7	.329
Oscar Mercado	25	824	5	.294
Austin Slater	25	610	3	.337
Dee Strange-Gordon	25	506	7	.296
Cody Bellinger	24	1266	7	.345
Trent Grisham	24	981	6	.332
Maecan Hernandez	24	1278	8	.342
Tommy Machado	24	1573	9	.345
Roman Quinn	24	300	3	.285
Dansby Swanson	24	1477	8	.323
Chris Taylor	24	1218	3	.345
Joey Wendle	24	956	11	.318
through Sunday; baseball-reference				

## ON THIS DATE

**APRIL 12**  
**1906:** Johnny Bates of Boston became the first modern player to hit a home run in his first major league at bat. Irv Young allowed one hit as Boston beat Brooklyn 2-0.  
**1909:** The Phi. Athletics opened Shibe Park with an 8-1 win over the Boston Red Sox. Shibe Park was the first concrete and steel stadium.  
**1911:** The Washington Senators opened Griffith Stadium with an 8-5 win over the Red Sox.  
**1912:** The Cubs' Tinker-Evers-Chance double play combination played its

## BALTIMORE 2, MILWAUKEE 0

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Adames ss	3	0	0	0	1	.267
Yelich dh	3	0	1	0	1	.364
Renfroe rf-1b	4	0	0	0	2	.071
Hiura 1b	2	0	1	0	0	.200
a-Tellez ph-1b	1	0	0	0	1	.375
c-Cain ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.125
Taylor cf-fr	4	0	1	0	1	.125
Wong 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.200
Brosseau 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.125
b-Peterson3b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Caratini c	3	0	1	0	0	.286
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	5	0	1	2	2	.188
Mountcastle 1b3	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Santander cf	2	0	2	0	0	.500
McKenna rf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Mancini dh	4	0	0	0	1	.200
Urias 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.267
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.154
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	1	.071
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	1	.250
Chirinos c	2	0	0	0	0	.111
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	

Milwaukee	000	000	000	—	0	6	2
Baltimore	020	000	00x	—	2	6	0

a-struck out for Hiura in the 6th. b-flied out for Brosseau in the 7th. c-grounded out for Tellez in the 8th.  
**E:** Brosseau (1), Adames (2).  
**LOB:** Milwaukee 9, Baltimore 11.  
**2B:** Taylor (1), McCutchen (2).  
**SB:** Straw (2).  
**RBI:** Mullins (2).  
**S:** Mateo (2), Hiura (1).  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 5(Wong, Renfroe 2, Brosseau, Adames); Baltimore 4(Mountcastle, Odor, Urias, Mullins 2).  
**RISP:** Milwaukee 0for 6; Baltimore 1for 10.  
**Runners moved up:** McCutchen, Odor, Hays, Mancini.  
**GIDP:** Cain, Urias. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Wong, Adames, Hiura); Baltimore 1 (Mateo, Odor, Mountcastle).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houser, L, 0-1	3⅔	4	2	2	3	3	4.91
Ashby	⅔	2	0	0	2	4	1.80
Gustave	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	10.80
Milner	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Zimmermann	4	3	0	0	2	4	0.00
Baumann, W, 1-0	2⅓	1	0	0	1	3	0.00
Tate, H, 1	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	5.40
Perez, H, 1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.00
Lopez, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
<b>Inherited runners-scored:</b> Ashby 1-0, Milner 2-0, Tate 1-0.							
<b>Umpires:</b> Home, Chad Fairchild; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Shane Livensparger; Third, Brian O'Nora. T: 3:24. <b>A:</b> 44,461(45,971).							

## SEASON LEADERS: STRIKEOUTS

TEAM	ERA	BB	SO	BF	SO9
Atlanta	4.75	12	39	147	9.8
Cincinnati	3.71	18	38	146	10.1
Tampa Bay	1.33	9	37	110	12.3
NY Mets	1.54	5	37	131	9.5
Washington	4.75	19	36	165	9.0
San Diego	2.83	19	34	136	8.7
Houston	1.80	7	32	139	8.2
Arizona	4.00	20	31	156	7.8
Philadelphia	3.00	4	31	105	10.3
NY Yankees	3.10	11	31	117	9.6
Chi Wh. Sox	2.70	13	31	107	10.5
Boston	3.67	11	29	117	9.7
San Fran.	2.89	7	29	114	9.3
Seattle	3.46	9	29	106	10.0
LA Angels	5.00	13	29	152	7.3
Milwaukee	6.12	17	28	115	10.1
Texas	7.20	8	28	112	10.1
Colorado	2.67	6	27	113	9.0
Chi Cubs	3.00	12	27	109	9.0
Miami	2.70	10	26	114	8.8
Minnesota	3.23	15	26	115	8.7
St. Louis	3.67	9	26	116	8.7
LA Dodgers	3.60	7	25	111	9.0
Kansas City	5.79	9	25	125	8.0
Oakland	5.04	12	22	105	7.9
Baltimore	5.63	11	22	106	8.3
Toronto	7.67	13	18	122	6.0
Pittsburgh	6.84	13	17	114	6.1
Cleveland	2.08	5	15	101	5.2
Detroit	6.00	6	14	117	4.7

PITCHER	SO	TM	BB	SO9
Carlos Rodon	12	SFG	2	21.6
Kyle Gibson	10	PHI	0	12.9
Shohei Ohtani	9	LAA	1	17.4
Chris Bassitt	8	NYM	1	12.0
Dylan Cease	8	CHW	3	14.4
Joe Musgrove	8	SDP	0	12.0
Nathan Eovaldi	7	BOS	1	12.6
Logan Gilbert	7	SEA	0	12.6
Hunter Greene	7	CIN	2	11.8
Kyle Hendricks	7	CHC	3	11.8
Merrill Kelly	7	CIN	2	15.8
Tyler Mahle	7	ARI	2	12.6
Sean Manaea	7	SDP	1	10.0
Shane Bieber	7	MIN	1	17.5
Aaron Nola	7	PHI	0	9.5
Justin Verlander	7	HOU	3	12.6
Kyle Freeland	6	COL	2	14.7
Luis Goleto	6	CHW	2	13.5
Pablo Lopez	6	MIA	1	10.8
Jacob deGrom	6	COL	1	17.5
Tyler Megill	6	NYM	0	10.8
Frankie Montas	6	OKA	1	10.8
Freddy Peralta	6	MIL	4	13.5
Max Scherzer	6	NYM	1	9.5
Francisco Valdez	6	HOU	1	8.0
Shane Bieber	6	ATL	0	9.5
Kyle Wright	6	ATL	0	10.0
Walker Buehler	5	LAD	2	9.0
Aaron Bummer	5	CHW	1	27.0
Brook Breese	5	TEX	1	22.5
Francisco Lirio	5	TEX	1	11.0
Will Crows	5	PIT	2	11.5
Anthony Desclafani	5	WSN	2	12.3
Eric Fedde	5	SFG	0	9.0
Josh Fleming	5	TBR	0	13.5
Max Fried	5	ATL	0	13.5
Kevin Gausman	5	TOR	0	10.0
Josiah Gray	5	WSN	2	11.3
Spencer Howard	5	TEX	0	15.0
Corey Kluber	5	TBR	4	9.5
Bradley Zimmer	5	KCR	1	7.6
Shane Bieber	5	COL	0	16.0
Corbin Martin	5	ARI	2	11.5
Steven Matz	5	STL	1	5.0
John Means	5	BAL	1	11.3
Charlie Morton	5	ATL	1	8.4
Robbie Ray	5	SEA	4	6.4
Luis Severino	5	NYA	0	11.5
Justin Steele	5	CHC	0	9.0
Spencer Strider	5	ATL	0	22.5
through Sunday; baseball-reference				





Michigan State's Nia Clouden, right, poses for a photo with commissioner Cathy Engelbert after being selected by the Connecticut Sun as the 12th overall pick in the WNBA draft on Monday in New York. **ADAM HUNGER/AP**

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“It’s something I’ve been wanting to achieve since I was a kid playing basketball. And then to go somewhere like Connecticut with a great team and great players, honestly I couldn’t ask for anything better to be able to come in there and learn from them.”

Lewis was a graduate transfer from Baylor this past season. She averaged 11.8 points, 3.8 rebounds and 5.3 assists and was named the Big XII Newcomer of the Year and earned All-Big XII First Team honors. Prior to Baylor, Lewis played for Alabama where she was All-SEC Second Team (2021), SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (2020), SEC Newcomer of the Year (2017), and named to the SEC All-Freshman Team (2017). She finished her college career with 1,994 points, 669 rebounds, 695 assists and 200 steals.

“First and foremost, Jordan’s a winner,” said Miller. “She’s an outstanding point guard with a high basketball IQ. She is an excellent 3-point shooter and a very physical defensive guard.”

Smith played three seasons with Florida after transferring from ASA College in New York, where she played two seasons. At Florida, Smith recorded 1,508 points, 621 rebounds, 438 assists and 220 steals. In her final season at Florida, she was just the third

Gator to be named to the SEC All-Defensive team and earned SEC First Team honors. She finished her Gators career 12th in total points scored, fifth in free throws made (340), fifth in steals, fourth in assists and third in minutes played (3,983).

“This is a huge pick for the future of the Connecticut Sun,” Miller said. “We valued her as a potential first-round selection before her devastating season-ending injury and have spoken about the opportunity to draft Kiki and support her through her knee surgery and rehabilitation, and we look forward to her being at our 2023 training camp.”

The Sun, who made the WNBA Finals in 2019 and have lost in the WNBA semifinals in each of the last two seasons, already had their core solidified prior to the draft. As such, Clouden, Lewis and Smith will face an uphill climb to make the team, let alone earn minutes on the court.

Connecticut returns all of its key pieces from a league-best 26-6 regular-season campaign under Miller in 2021. That group includes three All-Stars in reigning WNBA Most Valuable Player Jonquel Jones, Most Improved Player Brionna Jones and DeWanna Bonner, as well as guard Jasmine Thomas, who has been a staple of the franchise since 2015.

Two-time All-Star Alyssa Thomas will also be back in the mix after sitting out most of last season with a Achilles

tear. Additionally, Connecticut signed 2021 All-Star Courtney Williams to a one-year deal, bringing her back to the franchise after a prior stint from 2016-19.

With rotation players Natisha Hiedeman, Kaila Charles, Stephanie Jones, DiJonai Carrington and Beatrice Mompremier also signed, along with Taj Cole, Joyner Holmes, Keyona Hayes and Yvonne Anderson on training camp contracts, roster spots will be hard to come by.

Last season, the Sun drafted three players, but Carrington was the only one of the trio to make the cut for the roster. It’ll likely be a similar situation this year.

“Connecticut has some really great players: Jonquel Jones, Alyssa Thomas and more,” Clouden said. “So just being able to learn from them and just keep working and working and working, that’s what I plan to do.”

Connecticut is scheduled to open the preseason against the Atlanta Dream on May 1 at Mohegan Sun Arena. The Sun officially start the regular season on May 7 on the road against the New York Liberty, who signed UConn alum Stefanie Dolson this offseason. The home opener is set for May 14 against the Los Angeles Sparks, who added former Husky star Katie Lou Samuelson in the offseason and drafted UConn forward Olivia Nelson-Ododa in the second round of the draft (No. 19 overall) on Monday.

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16th overall in the second round by the Minnesota Lynx.

Nelson-Ododa was taken 19th overall in the second round Monday by the Los Angeles Sparks.

The 6-foot-5 forward/center averaged 9.2 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists for UConn this past season. She led the Huskies with a 59.5% shooting clip from

the field and was a 2022 All-Big East First Team selection.

Known for her play in the post, Nelson-Ododa averaged 1.7 blocks per game in 2021-22. The Winder, Georgia, native was named the Big East Co-Defensive Player of the Year in 2020-21 and will look to establish herself in the WNBA with her prowess on that end of the floor.

Nelson-Ododa will join fellow UConn alum Katie Lou Samuelson, who

signed with Los Angeles this offseason.

Westbrook went No. 21 to the Seattle Storm, joining fellow UConn alums Sue Bird, Breanna Stewart and Gabby Williams.

The guard from Salem, Oregon, spent the first two years of her career at Tennessee, sat out a year in 2019-20 due to transfer rules and then spent the last two seasons on the court for UConn.

At 6-foot, Westbrook offers a lot of versatility as a

combo guard on both ends of the floor. She averaged 9.0 points, 3.7 rebounds and 3.1 assists in 2021-22. She started the first 10 games of the year before moving into an off-the-bench role for UConn.

With Monday night’s selections, there have now been 43 former UConn players drafted all time into the WNBA since the league’s inaugural season in 1997, which is the most for any collegiate program.

REGIONAL DIGEST  
Thibault-DuDonis named Fairfield University women’s basketball coach

Staff report

A veteran of two Final Fours and one of the nation’s top recruiters, Carly Thibault-DuDonis was named the Fairfield University women’s basketball coach Monday.

Thibault-DuDonis most recently served as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Minnesota. In four seasons at Minnesota alongside head coach Lindsay Whalen, Thibault-DuDonis helped bring in three nationally-ranked recruiting classes — including a current incoming class that ranks 10th in the nation — and the first two five-star recruits in program history. Thibault-DuDonis was the team’s defensive coordinator and assumed the role of interim head coach in 2022 while Whalen was on medical leave.

“I am absolutely thrilled to introduce Carly Thibault-DuDonis as the head coach of Fairfield University women’s basketball,” athletic director Paul Schlickmann said. “In what was a comprehensive search process, it became abundantly clear that Carly embodies who we are and who we aspire to be; as a University, as an Athletics department, and as a championship caliber women’s basketball program. She has achieved exceptional results at every step of her journey as a student-athlete and as a coach, consistently adding great value and making those around her better.”

Before Minnesota, Thibault-DuDonis was on Vic Schaefer’s coaching staff at Mississippi State, where the Bulldogs made back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament championship game in 2017 and 2018. She was the recruiting coordinator that secured the top two classes in MSU history.

A standout at East Lyme High School in Connecticut,

Thibault-DuDonis played collegiately at Monmouth University. She earned All-Northeast Conference Third Team honors and was named the NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year as a senior and helped the Hawks to a WNIT berth in her sophomore season. Her father Mike Thibault is the head coach of the WNBA’s Washington Mystics, a three-time WNBA Coach of the Year who previously coached the Connecticut Sun.

“She really liked it at Minnesota,” Mike Thibault said, after the Mystics completed the WNBA draft Monday night.”She and [head coach] Lindsay Whelan are very close. They were good for each other, and she was sad to leave a great recruiting class coming in. But to get the opportunity at age 30 to be a head coach at the Division I level with a good program at a great university in an area she knows, you couldn’t ask for a lot better for a first head coaching job.”

“Carly’s worked for some terrific programs and different coaches, so she has seen things done different ways, so she is well prepared, not just for the X’s and O’s - sometimes that almost becomes the easy part. It’s the psychology of teaching young women not only how to play the game but to be adults, trying to find their way through college and their life. I think she excels in that area. Here is somebody who is very mature at a young age, she’s driven, as a player she wasn’t going to leave anything undone and that’s how she has approached coaching. She’s ready for that now.”

Thibault-DuDonis takes over a Fairfield team coming off its first MAAC championship since 1998 and its first NCAA postseason appearance since 2001 in the 15th and final year under coach Joe Frager.

NBA  
Nets still have work to do; face Cavs in play-in opener

By Brian Mahoney  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving have played in the NBA Finals and Olympics, so they’ve been in just about every kind of big game there is.

The play-in tournament is something new for them, and the Brooklyn Nets certainly didn’t expect to experience it this year.

The Cleveland Cavaliers weren’t sure they would, either, after losing 50 games last season. Now one of the teams will extend its season into the playoffs by winning the opener of the tournament Tuesday night in Brooklyn.

“Let’s get it on,” Irving said.

Both finished 44-38, with the Nets taking seventh place by going 3-1 against the Cavaliers. They wrapped up the tiebreaker Friday by beating Cleveland 118-107, though that did nothing to make the Cavs think they can’t go to Brooklyn and win five nights later.

“We believe we can beat anybody in this league,” coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. “We just have to play our best

basketball. We know what we’re facing.”

They’re facing a team that was expected to be at the top of the Eastern Conference, not one still trying to play its way into the postseason. But Irving couldn’t play home games until late last month because he isn’t vaccinated against the coronavirus. Durant missed 21 games with a sprained left knee. James Harden was traded for Ben Simmons, who hasn’t played because of back problems.

“For us, we know that we could come up with every excuse in the world of what happened this season,” Irving said. “So many different things transpired, ups and downs, and now we’re finally here and we’re able to perform with one another for the first time in a high-intense environment such as the playoffs.”

He made the biggest shot in Cavaliers history, completing their comeback from 3-1 down in the 2016 NBA Finals. Durant was MVP of the next two NBA Finals and has three Olympic gold medals. Both have been MVPs of the world basketball championship.



## Safety Tip of the Day

Although fire extinguishers can have a long shelf life, they do eventually expire - and once they do, they are useless in a fire. Make sure you check the expiration date on your fire extinguishers and keep them updated.



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# SCOREBOARD

## NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
x-Florida	72	51	15	6	108	302	214		
x-Toronto	72	47	19	6	100	277	221		
Tampa Bay	72	44	20	8	96	239	204		
Boston	72	45	22	5	95	227	195		
Detroit	72	28	34	10	66	209	277		
Buffalo	74	26	37	11	63	203	264		
Ottawa	72	26	40	6	58	193	236		
Montreal	73	20	42	11	51	192	279		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
x-Carolina	73	47	18	8	102	243	175		
x-N.Y. Rangers	73	47	20	6	100	225	187		
Pittsburgh	74	42	22	10	94	243	205		
Washington	74	40	22	10	90	240	210		
N.Y. Islanders	71	33	29	9	75	195	196		
Columbus	73	34	33	6	74	235	273		
Philadelphia	72	23	38	11	57	188	256		
New Jersey	72	25	41	6	56	221	269		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
x-Colorado	72	52	14	6	110	275	198		
Minnesota	71	44	21	6	94	263	222		
St. Louis	72	42	20	10	94	264	207		
Nashville	72	41	26	5	87	236	210		
Dallas	72	41	27	4	86	214	217		
Winnipeg	74	35	28	11	81	230	232		
Chicago	72	24	37	11	59	192	253		
Arizona	72	22	45	5	49	179	265		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Calgary	72	44	19	9	97	253	178		
Edmonton	72	42	25	6	90	255	230		
Los Angeles	74	38	26	10	86	212	214		
Vegas	73	40	29	4	84	234	216		
Vancouver	73	35	28	10	80	212	206		
Edmonton at Minnesota	8p.m.								
San Jose at Nashville	8p.m.								
Los Angeles at Chicago	8:30p.m.								
Seattle at Calgary	9p.m.								
Tampa Bay at Dallas	9:30p.m.								
New Jersey at Arizona	10p.m.								
Vegas at Vancouver	10p.m.								

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division z-clinched conference

### MONDAY'S RESULT

Winnipeg 4, Montreal 2

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Anaheim at Florida, 7p.m.  
Buffalo at Toronto, 7p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 7p.m.  
St. Louis at Boston, 7p.m.  
Ottawa at Detroit, 7:30p.m.  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.  
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
San Jose at Nashville, 8p.m.  
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8:30p.m.  
Seattle at Calgary, 9p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 9:30p.m.  
New Jersey at Arizona, 10p.m.  
Vegas at Vancouver, 10p.m.

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Columbus, 7p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7p.m.  
Seattle at Winnipeg, 8:30p.m.  
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:30p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.  
Detroit at Carolina, 7p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.  
Ottawa at Boston, 7p.m.  
St. Louis at Buffalo, 7p.m.  
Washington at Toronto, 7p.m.  
Edmonton at Nashville, 8p.m.  
Minnesota at Dallas, 8p.m.  
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30p.m.  
New Jersey at Colorado, 9p.m.  
Vegas at Calgary, 9p.m.  
Arizona at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS									
Washington	4	Boston	2						
Pittsburgh	3	Nashville	2	OT					
Tampa Bay	5	Buffalo	0						
Minnesota	6	Los Angeles	3						
Carolina	5	Anaheim	2						
Dallas	6	Chicago	4						
Winnipeg	4	Ottawa	3						

## SOCCER

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	0	1	16	10	2
Orlando City	3	2	2	11	8	7
N.Y. Red Bulls	3	2	1	10	10	6
Atlanta	3	2	1	10	9	9
Charlotte FC	3	4	0	9	7	9
Chicago	2	1	3	9	5	2
Columbus	2	2	2	8	10	7
Toronto FC	2	2	2	8	9	11
CF Montr��al	2	3	1	7	11	15
D.C. United	2	3	0	6	5	5
Cincinnati	2	4	0	6	8	14
New York City FC	1	2	1	4	8	8
New England	1	4	1	4	8	12
Inter Miami CF	1	4	1	4	6	15
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	4	1	1	13	14	6
LA Galaxy	4	2	0	12	9	6
Real Salt Lake	3	1	3	12	9	7
Austin FC	3	1	2	11	14	5
FC Dallas	3	1	2	11	10	4
Houston	3	1	2	11	10	7
Nashville	2	3	1	10	6	6
Portland	2	2	3	9	10	13
Colorado	2	2	2	8	8	8
Minnesota United	2	2	2	8	6	6
Seattle	2	2	1	7	6	5
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	5	11
Vancouver	1	4	1	4	5	12
San Jose	0	4	2	2	9	15

Three points for win, one point for tie.

### SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Vancouver at CF Montr  al, 3p.m.  
Nashville at San Jose, 3:30p.m.  
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 6p.m.  
Portland at Houston, 6p.m.  
FC Dallas at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.  
Orlando City at Columbus, 7:30p.m.  
Austin FC at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.  
Charlotte FC at New England, 7:30p.m.  
Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.  
LA Galaxy at Chicago, 8p.m.  
Colorado at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
Miami at Seattle, 10p.m.

### SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Real Salt Lake at New York City FC, 1 p.m.  
Sporting KC at Los Angeles FC, 4p.m.

### SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte FC 1, Atlanta 0  
Austin FC 1, Minnesota 0

### ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	31	23	5	3	72	20	74
Liverpool	31	22	7	2	79	22	73
Chelsea	30	18	8	4	64	23	62
Tottenham	31	18	3	10	56	37	57
Arsenal	30	17	3	10	45	36	54
West Ham	32	15	6	11	51	42	51
Man United	31	14	9	8	49	42	51
Wolverhampton	32	15	4	13	33	28	49
Leicester	29	11	7	11	45	48	40
Crystal Palace	31	8	13	10	43	40	37
Brighton	31	8	13	10	43	37	37
Aston Villa	31	11	3	17	42	46	36
Brentford	32	10	6	16	39	48	36
Southampton	31	8	12	11	37	52	36
Newcastle	31	8	10	13	34	54	34
Leeds	32	8	9	15	38	68	33
Everton	30	8	4	18	33	58	28
Burnley	30	4	12	14	25	44	22
Watford	31	6	4	21	29	60	24
Norwich	31	5	6	20	20	63	21

### SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Tottenham vs. Brighton, 7:30a.m.  
Man United vs. Norwich, 10a.m.  
Southampton vs. Arsenal, 10a.m.  
Watford vs. Brentford, 10a.m.  
Everton vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m. ppd  
Aston Villa vs. Liverpool, 12:30p.m. ppd

### SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Newcastle vs. Leicester, 9:15a.m.  
West Ham vs. Burnley, 9:15a.m.  
Leeds vs. Chelsea, 7a.m. ppd  
Wolverhampton vs. Man City, ppd

### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTERFINAL KNOCKOUT PHASE  
Tuesday's second leg, 3 p.m.  
Liverpool (1) vs. Bayern Munich (1)  
Real Madrid (3) vs. Chelsea (1)

### Wednesday's second leg, 3 p.m.

Man. City (1) vs. Atletic Madrid (0)  
Liverpool (1) vs. Benfica (1)

### U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday: vs. Uzbekistan, at Subaru Park, Chester, Pa., 6 p.m.

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB		
y-Boston	51	31	.622	—		
x-Philadelphia	51	31	.622	—		
x-Toronto	48	34	.585	3		
Brooklyn	44	38	.537	7		
New York	37	45	.451	14		
SOUTHEAST						
W	L	PCT	GB			
z-Miami	53	29	.646	—		
Atlanta	43	39	.524	10		
Charlotte	43	39	.524	10		
Washington	35	47	.427	18		
Orlando	22	60	.268	31		
CENTRAL						
W	L	PCT	GB			
y-Milwaukee	51	31	.622	—		
x-Chicago	46	36	.561	5		
Cleveland	44	38	.537	7		
Indiana	25	57	.305	26		
Detroit	23	59	.280	28		

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB		
y-Memphis	56	26	.683	—		
x-Dallas	52	30	.634	4		
New Orleans	36	46	.439	20		
San Antonio	34	48	.415	22		
Houston	20	62	.244	36		

NORTHWEST						
W	L	PCT	GB			
y-Utah	49	33	.598	—		
x-Denver	48	34	.585	1		
Minnesota	46	36	.561	3		
Portland	27	55	.329	22		
Oklahoma City	24	58	.293	25		

PACIFIC						
W	L	PCT	GB			
z-Phoenix	64	18	.780	—		
x-Golden State	53	29	.646	11		
L.A. Clippers	42	40	.512	22		
L.A. Lakers	33	49	.402	31		
Sacramento	30	52	.366	34		

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division  
z-clinched conference

### SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 133, Milwaukee 115  
Charlotte 124, Washington 108  
Atlanta 130, Houston 114  
Brooklyn 134, Indiana 126  
Orlando 125, Miami 111  
New York 105, Toronto 94  
Boston 139, Memphis 110  
Philadelphia 118, Detroit 106  
Chicago 124, Minnesota 120  
L.A. Clippers 138, Oklahoma City 88  
Dallas 130, San Antonio 120  
Golden State 128, New Orleans 107  
Sacramento 116, Phoenix 109  
Utah 111, Portland 80  
L.A. Lakers 146, Denver 141, OT  
End of regular season

### NBA PLAYOFFS

#### PLAY-IN ROUNDS

##### Tuesday's first round

East: Cleveland at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.  
West: L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.  
Wednesday's first round  
East: Charlotte at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
West: San Antonio at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.

##### Friday's second round

East: Charlotte/Atlanta winner at Cleveland/Brooklyn loser, TBD  
West: San Antonio/New Orleans winner at Clippers/Minnesota loser, TBD

#### EAST FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
#1 Miami vs. East #8 Seed  
Sunday: at Miami, TBD

#### #2 Boston vs. East #7 Seed

Sunday: at Boston, TBD

#### #3 Milwaukee vs. #6 Chicago

Sunday: at Milwaukee, TBD

#### #4 Philadelphia vs. #5 Toronto

Saturday: at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

#### WEST FIRST ROUND

#1 Phoenix vs. West #8 Seed  
Sunday: at Phoenix, TBD

#### #2 Memphis vs. West #7 Seed

Saturday: at Memphis, 3:30 p.m.

#### #3 Golden State vs. #6 Denver

Saturday: at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

#### #4 Dallas vs. #5 Utah

Saturday: at Dallas, 1 p.m.

Rest of first-round schedule TBD

### INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS

PLAYER	G	FG	FT	PTS	PPG
Embiid, PHI	68	666	654	2079	30.6
Antnkmpo, MIL	67	689	553	2002	29.9
Young, ATL	76	711	500	2155	28.4
Doncic, DAL	65	641	364	1847	28.4
DeRozan, CHI	76	774	520	2118	27.9
Jokic, DEN	74	764	379	2004	27.1
Tatum, BOS	76	708	400	2046	26.9



